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'Jacob Ate Emily's Crayons!' 'YEAH? NO, YOU DIDN'T!'

Brawling parents interrupted a Victorville, Calif., kindergarten graduation ceremony. School officials placed Puesta del Sol Elementary on lockdown Wednesday after a fight broke out among a group of parents. Witnesses said several mothers were involved in a verbal argument, and it got physical in a field near the ceremony. Several men then jumped into the fray, and the incident turned into a brawl. (AP)

"They didn't have a fish head to send over wrapped in newspaper, so they sent [the head of] a bobble doll."

— **PENNSYLVANIA STATE REP. TIM SOLOBAY**, TO WHOM GOV. ED RENDELL SENT THE HEAD OF A SOLOBAY BOBBLEHEAD DOLL WHEN THE FORMER DIDN'T VOTE FOR THE LATTER'S BILL.

Yes, Your Honor, You Did Go to Law School for THIS

The South Dakota Supreme Court has ruled that a police officer acted correctly when he seized 15 cats from a woman who was driving with the animals running free inside her car. In a 3-2 decision Thursday, the justices ruled that the felines were a distraction and interfered with driver Patricia Edwards' ability to see where she was going. The court said Edwards and her cats presented a significant risk to the public. (AP)

The Big Picture

LEON NEAL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A "MAD MAX"-ESQUE TODDLER is one of many Glastonbury Festival attendees in unusual garb on Thursday in Somerset, England. The gathering draws thousands to its lineup of giant acts (Muse, Stevie Wonder, Gorillaz) and themed party areas (this guy might be headed to the post-apocalyptic Unfair Ground). (EXPRESS)

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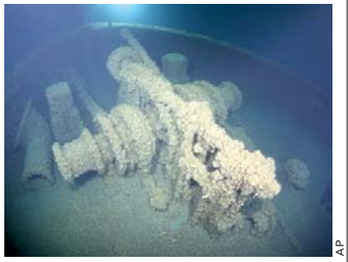

AP

The L.R. Doty ship, above, was found perfectly preserved in Lake Michigan.

MILWAUKEE

Steamship Found Intact 112 Years After Sinking

A great wooden steamship that sank in 1898 due to a violent Lake Michigan storm has been found off the Milwaukee-area shoreline, and divers say the intact vessel appears to have been perfectly preserved by the cold fresh waters. The 300-foot-long L.R. Doty was important because it was the largest wooden shipwreck that remained unaccounted for. **(AP)**

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Palin Fund Was Illegal

A legal defense fund set up for Sarah Palin when she was Alaska governor was illegal, an investigator said Thursday. Timothy Petumenos said the fund inappropriately used the word "official" to describe it, wrongly implying Palin's endorsement as governor. Palin's attorney said she will return the money from the fund, which raised $390,000. **(AP)**

Near Gulf, Patience Has Run Out

Latest blunder in oil containment effort fuels exasperation

New Orleans

Earlier this month, BP boldly predicted the oil gushing from the bottom of the sea would be reduced to a "relative trickle" within days, and President Obama told the nation last week that as much as 90 percent would soon be captured. But those goals seemed wildly optimistic Thursday after yet another setback a mile underwater.

A deep-sea robot bumped into the cap collecting oil from the well, forcing a temporary halt Wednesday to the company's best effort yet to contain the leak. The cap was back in place Thursday, but frustration and skepticism were running high along the Gulf Coast.

BP's pronouncements have "absolutely no credibility," Jefferson Parish Councilman John Young said. The latest problem shows "they really are not up to the task."

Even before the latest setback, the government's worst-case estimates suggested the cap and other equipment were capturing less than half of the oil leaking from the seafloor. And in recent days, the "spillcam" video continued to show gas and oil billowing from the blown-out well.

At nearly every important juncture since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20, the government's and BP's estimates on the size of the spill, its effect on wildlife and the time frame for containing it have spectacularly missed the mark.

On June 8, BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said the spill should be reduced to a "relative trickle" in less than a week.

Obama used the 90 percent figure last week after meeting with BP officials at the White House, saying the company had informed him that was how much of the oil could be kept out of the water within weeks.

"It just doesn't look like that's in the cards," said Ed Overton, a retired professor of environmental science at Louisiana State University. "We're not even close to that."

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN (AP)

EDMUND D. FOUNTAIN/AP

Kevin Reed weeps as he looks over the oil-defiled shores of Pensacola Beach, Fla.

Fla. Beach Closes

Oil from the massive Gulf Coast spill forced Florida officials to close a popular section of beach. Government officials closed a quarter-mile section of Casino Beach in Pensacola Beach on Thursday, a day after thick pools of oil washed ashore. Even in areas of the beach that were open, health officials urged people not to fish or swim in 33 miles of once-pristine water. **(AP)**

ARTIFACTS

President Obama says Twitter might eliminate the need for dedicated phone lines between Russian and U.S. leaders. In a lighthearted moment Thursday, Obama said that both he and visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev use the social networking program. Obama said "we may be able to finally throw away those red phones" that were designed to allow immediate contact between the Kremlin and the White House during the Cold War. **(AP)**

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Apple's iPhone 4 Attracts Adoring Crowds

Tech junkies across the U.S. line up for hours to buy device

Seattle

The iPhone 4 has arrived, but for some people the wait continues as Apple sprints to keep up with fierce demand for its latest gadget.

From Tokyo to San Francisco, some stores started selling out of Apple Inc.'s newest iPhone just hours after it went on sale Thursday. Some would-be buyers walked away disappointed; tensions grew at Apple stores that hadn't run out.

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Thomas Smith, 32, tries out his new iPhone Thursday at the Georgetown Apple Store.

Outside New York's Fifth Avenue store, Jasmine Cordova, 25, said that given the hype and advertisements surrounding the launch, "they should make sure to stock enough."

It seems even Apple was surprised by the number of people who wanted to snap up the fourth version of the iPhone. More than 600,000 had rushed to pre-order iPhones on the first day they were available, prompting Apple and its exclusive wireless partner in the U.S., AT&T Inc., to stop taking orders for pickup or shipment by Thursday's launch.

Those who didn't order in advance lined up outside Apple stores in the hopes of snagging one on a first-come, first-served basis.

Apple spokeswoman Natalie Harrison said demand was "off the charts." **JESSICA MINTZ (AP)**

Hearsay

"We don't get scared by people like this; we scare them, and that's what this is about."

— **GARY FAULKNER,** WHO IS BACK IN THE U.S. AFTER UNSUCCESSFULLY HUNTING OSAMA BIN LADEN IN PAKISTAN. FAULKNER SAID HE PLANS TO TRY AGAIN.

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World

Pakistan Convicts Five Va. Men

Americans are found guilty of conspiracy, funding terror group

Sargodha, Pakistan

Five Northern Virginia men were convicted on terrorism charges and sentenced to 10 years in prison by a Pakistani court Thursday, in a case that focused U.S. concern about its citizens linking up with foreign extremist groups.

An attorney for the men questioned the legitimacy of the verdict, and accused prosecutors and the judge in the closed-door trial of ignoring key evidence. He promised an immediate appeal.

In the Alexandria section of Fairfax County, off Route 1, the families of the five men were said to be reeling from the convictions.

"They had hoped for justice and are devastated by the results," said Alexandria lawyer Nina Ginsberg, who is working with the men and their families in the face of potential prosecution by the U.S. government and has closely followed the Pakistan court proceedings.

The men — Umar Chaudhry, Ramy Zamzam, Ahmad A. Minni, Waqar Khan and Aman Hassan Yemer — were convicted of criminal conspiracy and funding a banned terrorist organization. The charges carry sentences of 10 and five years, respectively, but the judge ordered the terms to be served concurrently.

> **"This was a rigged trial that appears to have been based on fabricated evidence in a secret court with a preordained result."**
>
> — **NINA GINSBERG,** ATTORNEY FOR THE FIVE AMERICANS CONVICTED IN PAKISTAN

Prosecutors said e-mail records and witness statements proved the men were plotting terrorist attacks in Pakistan and had conspired to execute attacks against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

But defense attorneys in Pakistan said some of the e-mails submitted as evidence of communication with terrorists did not have date stamps and could have been fabricated by local police officials once the five were in custody.

Hassan Katchela, one of the defense lawyers, also questioned the submission of two receipts for relatively small amounts of money (500 and 1,000 Pakistani rupees, or about $6 and $12) as evidence that the men had given money to terrorist groups.

Katchela said the men were "shocked" and "very disappointed" when the verdicts were announced in court. **SHAIQ HUSSAIN AND BRIGID SCHULTE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

GERARD JULIEN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Iron and steel workers take part in a strike in Marseille, France, on Thursday.

French Protest Retirement Age Change

Paris

Trains stood still and children played instead of studied as workers across France went on strike Thursday to protest President Nicolas Sarkozy's plans to raise the retirement age by two years to 62.

Neighboring countries suffered along with Paris commuters, as walkouts by drivers delayed or canceled trains from Italy and Switzerland. Some flights were dropped or delayed.

Boisterous crowds of protesters filled Marseille's port and wide Paris avenues, as unions staged nearly 200 marches in several cities over a broad reform to the money-losing pension system, part of efforts around Europe to cut back on growing public debts.

"Sarkozy, Don't Touch our Pensions!" read one banner at the Paris march, near a cardboard coffin marked: "Here lies Roger. He's 60, and he died before getting his retirement."

The ranks of demonstrators swelled in comparison to a similar protest May 27. The Interior Ministry put the number of protesters at 797,000 — double the number in May. **CHRISTINA OKELLO (AP)**

Gillard Named Australia's First Female Premier

Sydney

Julia Gillard had long been tipped as Australia's first female prime minister, but the way it finally happened has shocked almost everyone.

Gillard

Only last month, she said she was more likely to become a football star than replace her boss. But in a brutally efficient move driven by bad opinion polls and the approach of an election, the Labor Party dumped Prime Minister Kevin Rudd for his 48-year-old deputy. On Thursday, Gillard was sworn in.

At a news conference that capped one of the most abrupt transitions in Australia's often-bruising political history, Gillard said she accepted the job "with the greatest humility, resolve and enthusiasm." **(AP)**

Floods Devastate Northeastern Brazil

FELIPE DANA/AP

PEOPLE WALK along a debris-covered street in Rio Largo, Brazil, on Thursday, after flooding from heavy rains in Brazil's northeast killed at least 45 people, drove 120,000 from their homes, wiped out 1,200 miles of roads and downed at least 80 bridges. Brazilian authorities said 135 people remain unaccounted for — down from 607 missing people the previous day.

APPEARANCES

Queen Elizabeth II made her first appearance at Wimbledon in 33 years Thursday — applauding Briton Andy Murray as he won his second match and shaking hands with a giddy Serena Williams, who showed off her curtsy. The 84-year-old queen braved scorching temperatures as she greeted onlookers and met former champions such as Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova before greeting the tennis tournament's top seeds. (AP)

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World

Jamaican Gang Boss Extradited

Coke flown to U.S. to face drug charges after long manhunt

Kingston, Jamaica

The scion of a Jamaican gang family was flown to New York on Thursday after agreeing to his extradition, saying it was in his nation's best interests.

Christopher "Dudus" Coke, whose supporters waged street battles with security forces last month in an attempt to prevent him from facing charges in the United States, waived his right to an extradition trial at his first appearance before a Jamaican judge.

"I take this decision, for I now believe it to be in the best interest of my family, the community of western Kingston and in particular the people of Tivoli Gardens and above all Jamaica," Coke said in a statement.

Coke, 42, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted. U.S. prosecutors say Coke, as the leader of the notorious Shower Posse gang, has overseen large shipments of cocaine and marijuana to the eastern U.S. since the 1990s.

The extradition hearing was held under heavy security at a military outpost in the Caribbean nation's capital, out of fear of possible attacks by supporters.

Coke expressed confidence that he will be found not guilty and allowed to return to his family in Jamaica, saying he was leaving his mother with a heavy heart.

AP

Christopher Coke, right, is outfitted with a helmet after his arrest Tuesday.

Coke was captured Tuesday after a monthlong manhunt, disguised in a wig and riding with the Rev. Al Miller, who said Coke was on his way to surrender at the U.S. Embassy.

Coke is the son of the famed gangster known as Jim Brown, who died in a 1992 Jamaican prison fire while awaiting extradition to the U.S. on drug charges. Prosecutors say Coke then became the head of the Shower Posse, a name that by some accounts came from the gang's practice of "showering" its enemies with bullets.

The government initially resisted the extradition request in a nine-month standoff with the U.S that became a political liability for Prime Minister Bruce Golding.

HOWARD CAMPBELL (AP)

DISCOVERIES

American scientists who shot nearly 1,000 sperm whales with tissue-sampling darts discovered stunningly high levels of toxic and heavy metals in the animals that, they say, could affect the health of ocean life. A report issued Thursday noted high levels of cadmium, aluminum, chromium, lead, silver, mercury and titanium in the mammals. The results showed that pollution is reaching the farthest corners of the oceans, said biologist Roger Payne, founder and president of Ocean Alliance, which conducted the research. (AP)

Too Much, Even for Him?

The challenges facing Petraeus in Afghanistan make Iraq look like a cakewalk

Kabul, Afghanistan

America's Afghan and international allies have embraced the choice of Gen. David Petraeus to run the war in Afghanistan, hoping the architect of the Iraq surge will seamlessly pursue the strategy laid down by his predecessor and smooth over divisions that led to his dismissal.

By naming Petraeus on Wednesday, President Obama managed to replace Gen. Stanley McChrystal without derailing the mission at a critical juncture in the war, when casualties are rising and public support in the West is waning.

Still, the jury is out on whether the counterinsurgency strategy that Petraeus used to turn around the Iraq war will show results in Afghanistan by July 2011, when Obama wants to begin withdrawing U.S. troops.

The split between the U.S. civilian and military teams in Afghanistan has not disappeared with McChrystal's departure. Those fissures, laid bare in disparaging remarks to Rolling Stone magazine, led to McChrystal's dismissal Wednesday.

The politically savvy Petraeus probably would have a better shot at convincing Obama that the strategy needs more time and slow the withdrawal of U.S. troops. Petraeus helped train the Iraqi army and is on a first-name basis with defense officials in capitals that provide troops to the NATO-led force in Afghanistan.

Initially, NATO leaders in Brussels played down the Rolling Stone article, which suggested that powerful players in the Obama administration still disagree on the unproven U.S. counterinsurgency strategy of routing the Taliban, securing major population centers, bolstering the Afghan government's effectiveness, and rushing in aid and development.

They were relieved when Obama selected Petraeus, who pioneered the same counterinsurgency strategy when he commanded U.S. forces in Iraq.

"The strategy continues to have NATO's support, and our forces will continue to carry it out," NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said in a statement. "We will stay for as long as it takes to do our job."

Some critics have questioned whether a strategy aimed at bolstering the Afghan government can ever succeed in a country with ethnic divisions and a history of tribal rule.

"The situation in Afghanistan is in obvious disarray, and it's not because of personnel. It's because of policy," said Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif.

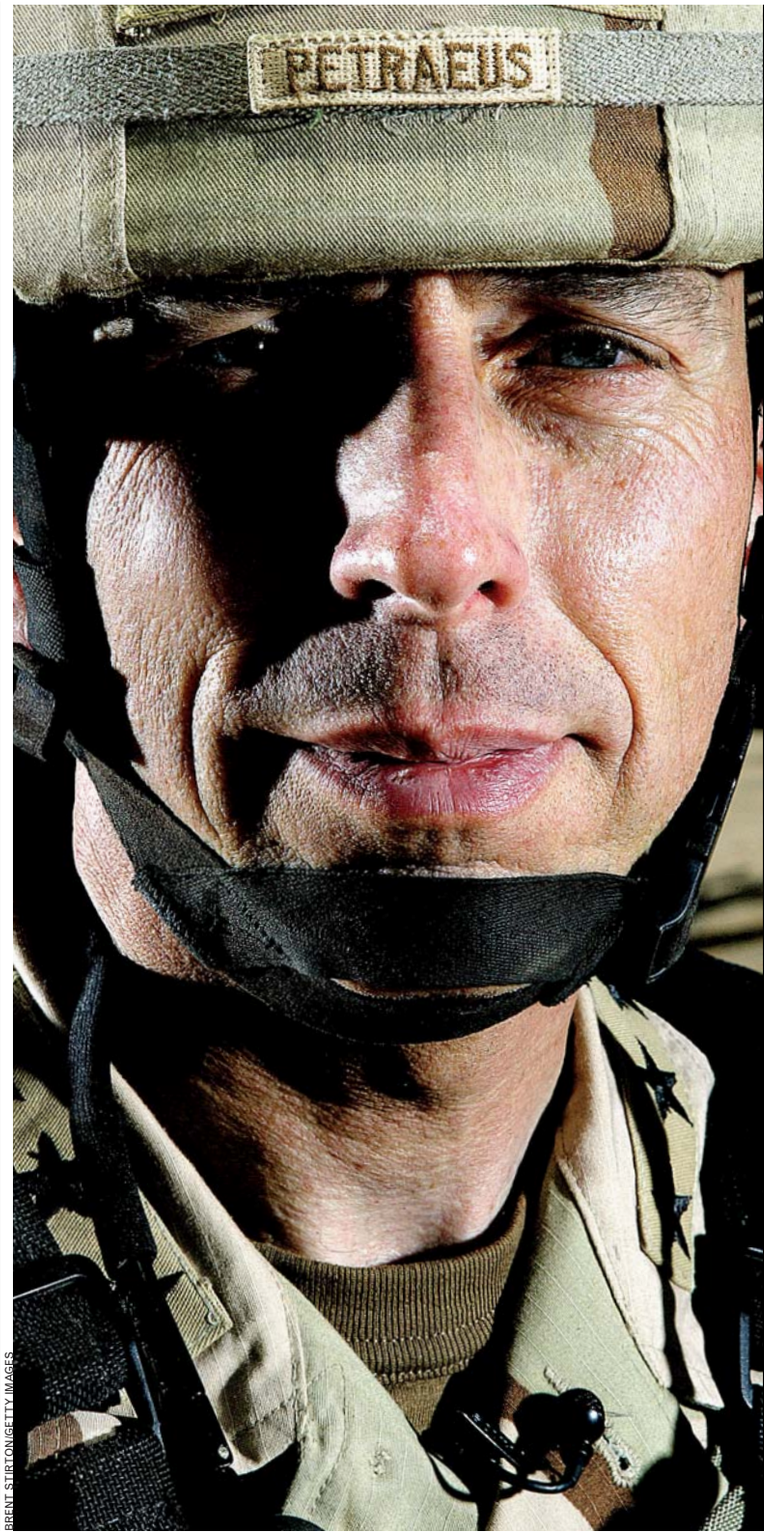
The idea of having to deal with a third NATO commander in a little over a year was an unwelcome prospect for Afghan leaders, who had spent months building rapport with McChrystal, the lanky commander who had become President Hamid Karzai's most trusted U.S. partner.

The greatest fallout from the McChrystal controversy is the perception it creates in the minds of Afghan citizens, said Nader Nadery, deputy director of the Human Rights Commission in Kabul. He fears it will convince Afghans that the NATO mission is led by a U.S. team seemingly at war with itself.

"It is certainly not helpful," he said. "The Taliban will create the perception among people, saying: 'Look, they are not going to win. They are all in disagreement.'" **DEB RIECHMANN (AP)**

"What is past is past now. ... But now here, with regards to this mission ... it's time to move forward."

— U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN KARL EIKENBERRY, ACKNOWLEDGING THURSDAY THAT HE HAD "VIGOROUS DEBATES" BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WITH GEN. STANLEY MCCHRYSTAL OVER WAR STRATEGY. EIKENBERRY QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF SENDING MORE TROOPS TO AFGHANISTAN LAST YEAR.



BRENT STIRTON/GETTY IMAGES

Three Signs of Trouble

Petraeus, the commander viewed by some in Washington as the man who single-handedly turned around the Iraq war, will inherit myriad challenges when he is confirmed as leader of the war in Afghanistan. Among them:

80

The number of international troops who have died so far this month, making June the deadliest month of the nearly 9-year-old war.

THE OFFENSIVE

A major offensive in Helmand province earlier this year has yielded mixed results. McChrystal himself acknowledged that the security campaign already under way in neighboring Kandahar province is going slower expected.

AFGHAN TROOPS

While NATO has worked hard to train a growing number of Afghan soldiers and police, their ability to go it alone without their more skilled NATO partners at their sixde has yet to be tested. (AP)

Local

New Metro Fares To Begin Sunday

Board of directors green-lights system's expansive price hike

Washington

Metro's board of directors approved a sweeping package of fare increases Thursday, the most expansive in its history, as the agency seeks to close a $189 million gap in its 2011 budget.

The approval came as the board gave the go-ahead for its next budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The fare increases, which begin Sunday, will hit riders on all lines and services, including rail, bus and MetroAccess, the service for disabled riders. In May, the board provided guidance to Metro staff that it would approve the plan. Staff had been worried that the agency was running out of time to implement the changes before the new fiscal year starts.

Board member Jim Graham, who serves on the D.C. Council, cast the only dissenting vote, saying he was concerned about the impact on the people least able to pay fare increases.

The change includes nearly $109 million worth of rail, bus and paratransit increases, which will be implemented in three stages: Sunday; Aug. 1; and in the fall. **(TWP)**

Meanwhile ...

Also Thursday, Metro approved licenses that would allow retailers to place DVD rental machines and trolley tour ticket booths at 13 Metro stations — a first for Metro. The licenses allow NCR/Blockbuster to put DVD rental machines at Gallery Place, Metro Center and Pentagon City. Movie Solution will place DVD rental machines at ten stations: Farragut North, Farragut West, Foggy Bottom, L'Enfant Plaza, Metro Center, Union Station, Bethesda, New Carrollton, Shady Grove and Rosslyn. **(TWP)**

A Happy Landing in Frederick

KATHERINE FREY/TWP

LOCAL PILOTS Susan Beall and Nicole Novack jump after landing in Frederick, Md., Thursday. They were among 51 teams in this year's all-female Air Race Classic. The duo landed fourth, but a winner will be not announced until Sunday.

Red Panda Cub Born at the Zoo

Washington

A red panda cub has been born at the National Zoo in Washington for the first time in 15 years.

The zoo said Thursday that red panda mother Shama gave birth to a single cub on June 16. The father is 3-year-old Tate, who came to D.C. last year from the Nashville Zoo.

The zoo has temporarily closed the red panda exhibit to give the mother and cub privacy. For now, visitors may get a glimpse from the Asia Trail's upper viewing area.

Red pandas are native to China, the Himalayas and Myanmar. They are an endangered species, with fewer than 2,500 left in the wild. **(AP)**

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Thursday, June 24

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Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	9-3-8-7-9
Daily 6 (Wed.)	04-06-11-14-21-25 (22)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	06-08-11-15-26 (9)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-1-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	0-1-5-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-2-2-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	04-08-21-23-27 (6)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	14-25-27-28-31-37

Multi-State Games

Powerball	11-30-45-47-48 (10)
Power Play	3

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-9-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-7-0
Mid-day Pick 4	0-9-1-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-5-8-0
Mid-day Cash 5	01-03-07-08-29
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	07-09-14-28-31
Win For Life (Wed.)	04-06-12-31-32-36 (9)

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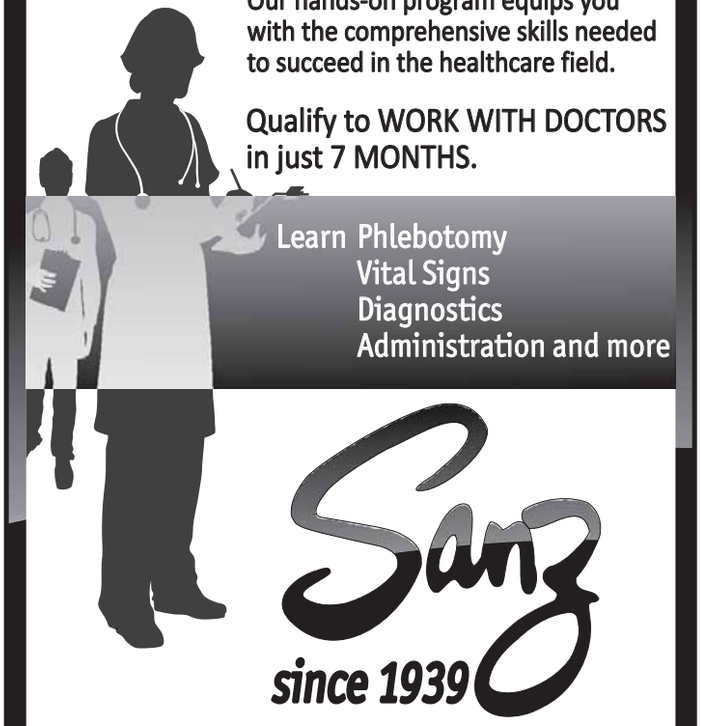

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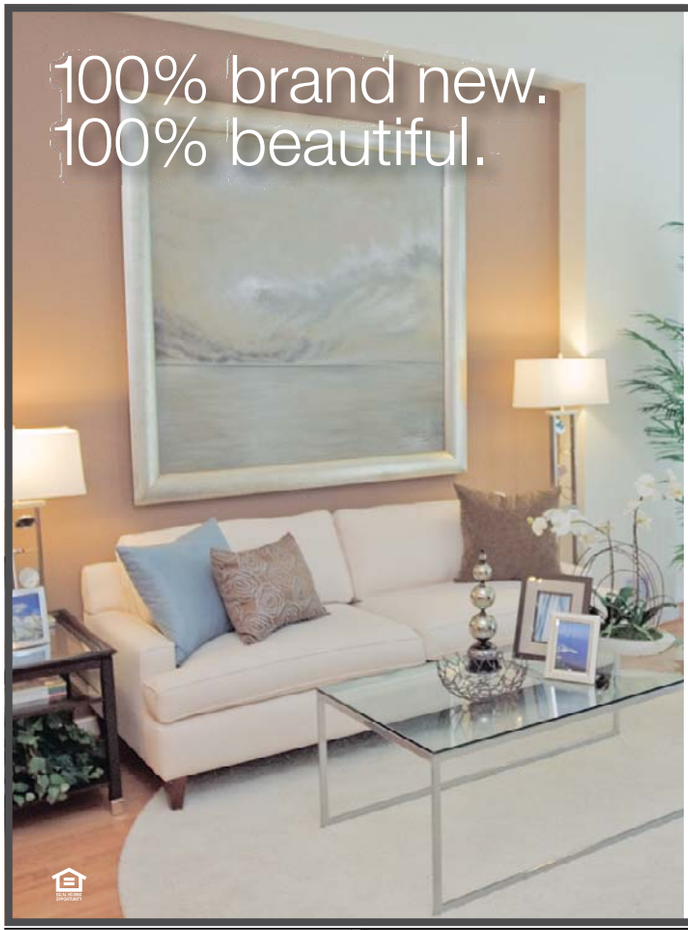

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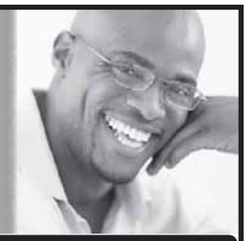

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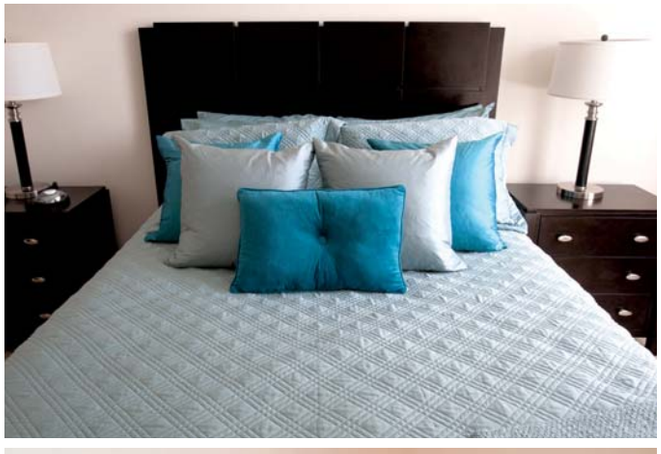

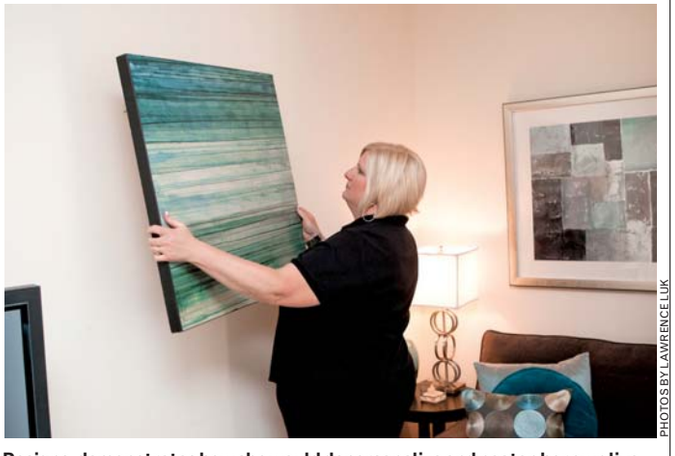

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Stage Directions Michelle Morris, owner of Home Staged Designs, demonstrates how she would depersonalize and neaten her own live-work condo in Arlington for a sale. A perfectly made bed, a spotless bathroom and an eye-catching minibar all help create positive first impressions for prospective buyers. Filling an empty wall with artwork, as shown in the bottom two photos, can add a subtle touch of character. Morris stands by the notion that staging a home can lead to faster sales. Staging is "something that's required if you want to get top price," she says.

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Attracting Buyers

Megan Prout has always been a fan of HGTV shows. So, when she and her husband, William, decided to sell their 550-square-foot, one-bedroom condo in Old Town Alexandria, they took a lesson from Hollywood: They hired a professional stager to help ensure their home looked its best.

That meant painting their kitchen, living room and bathroom walls the same shade of beige, and freshening up their bathroom with a new shower curtain and towels. They cleared countertops of clutter, put some items into storage and got new accessories to help tie everything together.

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The percentage of staged homes that sell in 33 days or less, according to the International Association of Home Staging Professionals and Stagedhomes.com.

"It felt like we had moved into a hotel," says Prout, 25, who works as an executive assistant. "I felt that having a beautifully presented home certainly would not hurt in us being able to sell the place quickly."

Five years ago, most real estate civilians hadn't even heard of the concept of staging. But now, thanks to networks such as HGTV and a hot, then cold, market, almost everyone is familiar with the idea of making your home

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Sales Setup

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look pretty but depersonalized for prospective buyers. Minimizing signs of your own presence can help buyers picture themselves in your place.

These staging techniques are, admittedly, time-consuming. But they work. According to a survey conducted from January to May 2010 by the International Association of Home Staging Professionals and StagedHomes.com, 94.6 percent of homes staged by an Accredited Staging Professional sell in an average of 33 days or less.

"If you're not staging your house, you're throwing away money," says Sabrina Soto of HGTVs "Real Estate Intervention" and "Get It Sold." "It's kind of like selling your car without washing it first."

Locally, staging has become "something that's not optional anymore," says Michelle Morris, the owner of Home Staged Designs (703-209-7009; Homestageddesigns.com), and president of the D.C. chapter of the International Association of Home Staging Professionals. "It's something that's required if you want to get top price."

When working with a stager, you can choose the level of service you want, from a consultation that runs a few hundred dollars to the full-blown treatment, which can cost several thousand. "You can do staging in degrees," says Elizabeth Blakeslee, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in D.C. "You don't always have to start from scratch."

That's good news for buyers who might not get as big of a return on their investment when selling homes these days. And experts say it really is worth spending extra money to make your home model-worthy, especially if you don't want it to sit on the market forever.

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Shades of blue accent the neutral beige and brown tones on the walls, floor and furniture of Michelle Morris' staged condo.

"There's not one real estate agent who would tell you it doesn't sell quicker, easier or for more money when you stage it," says Soto. "It will."

You don't absolutely have to hire a professional. There are plenty of tasks you can tackle yourself, like painting walls a neutral color or replacing outdated brass fixtures with modern brushed nickel versions. It's also a good idea to take down family photos in order to depersonalize your space.

But when it comes to furniture placement or decluttering, sometimes homeowners need a neutral party's opinion to make the changes necessary. "The stager acts as the outside expert," says Blakeslee. "It's a professional, saying that you need to get rid of your collection of plastic swans."

> **"If you're not staging your house, you're throwing away money. It's like selling your car without washing it first."**
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> — **SABRINA SOTO,** WHO HOSTS AND OFFERS ADVICE ON THE HGTV PROGRAMS "REAL ESTATE INTERVENTION" AND "GET IT SOLD."

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Michelle Morris says it's often useful for clients to add furniture to empty spaces.

"I tell clients that we are no longer selling your home," says Cee Cee Young, owner of Fairfax-based CC Home Staging and Redesign (757-375-2979; Cchomestaging.org). "We are selling a house that's become a product. And staging is much cheaper than waiting for that first price reduction because your home's not outshining your competition."

The Prouts, who worked with stager Morris, saved money because Morris partnered up with another real estate agent. The fact that they hadn't yet selected a real estate agent turned out to benefit them.

"When I explained to Megan that she could receive the home staging for free with her listing or pay me the traditional way, it was an easy decision for her to make to receive two professional services for the cost of one," Morris says.

Even the pros have found they need outside help to make their abodes look their best. When Scarlet Lovell, a real estate agent with Remax Select Properties, wanted to sell her townhouse in Ashburn, she, too, turned to a professional stager — even though she's taken home-staging courses herself. "The biggest thing is to depersonalize, and when it's your own home, it's hard to do," she says. "But I've really seen the difference staging has made in selling homes much faster and for top dollar."

Lovell, 64, worked with Young, who recommended everything from rearranging furniture to building a minibar in the family room.

"I would say I put $6,000 or $7,000 into everything I did," Lovell says. "But I sold my townhouse for exactly what I was hoping to get for it. And it sold for a little more than anything else in the neighborhood, so it was well

Transformation Tips

Pretend You're Already Gone: Though it can take a great deal of work (not to mention willpower!) to stash or neaten your belongings while you stage your home, many people live in their staged homes until they sell them. "It's a temporary condition," says professional stager Michelle Morris. "You want to get that first offer in the first two to three weeks. And I'm not going to lie; living in a staged house is hard to do. It's not something that you want to do on a regular basis. So, don't drag it out; put the house on the market immediately after you've gotten it looking as good as it can possibly look."

To cope, Morris suggests a trick she calls "the laundry basket method." Every morning, throw everything you didn't have time to put away into a laundry basket, and then put that basket in your car. "It works," she says. "You don't need to bake brownies for people. You've got to make sure the clutter's all gone." B.L.

Before and After

Michelle Morris shared images from some of the homes she has staged for sales. The ultimate aim of staging: making your pad look pretty but depersonalized enough to appeal to a range of buyers.

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Right: The red trim and a dated light fixture stood out in this empty room. Above: A fresh coat of paint on the walls and modern furnishings make the room more inviting and draw attention to the hardwood floors.

Right: A narrow, empty room lacked color and intrigue. Above: Adding a patterned rug, wall decorations and eye-catching furniture gave the space more personality.

Right: Poor furniture arrangement and moving boxes made this room unwelcoming. Above: Rearranging the furniture, opening the windows and reducing clutter gave the room an airy, spacious feel.

worth the investment."

Staging can be particularly important for condo and townhouse dwellers, whose units often look nearly identical to a host of other options on the market. So, check out the competition and find a way to set your place apart.

"It's about doing that one thing that's better than [similar homes], so when a couple goes to the other unit, they say, 'Why would I buy this one when I can get that one with fill-in-the-blank?'" Soto says.

If you've got a great view, use window treatments to draw buyers' eyes to the vista. If you have a balcony or patio, make sure it appears as functional as possible. "It's about making those little spaces that not every townhouse or condo has look amazing," Soto says.

A property that's already been vacated also reaps major benefits from staging, as buyers have difficulty imagining what might work in an empty space. "Especially with little studios and really small one-bedrooms, it helps to have a furniture arrangement," says Morris. "If buyers walk in and they're empty, it's really hard for them to see how they could fit it all in."

Since most buyers these days initially hunt for homes online, great photos are a must. And a home that's been staged will photograph much better than one that's totally vacant or cluttered. Virtual staging, in which furniture is Photoshopped into an image of an empty space, is another option, but it risks disappointing buyers when they see your place in person.

The Prouts sold their Alexandria condo within a few weeks last March for close to their desired price — and they think that might not have been the case without Morris' expertise. "I can't say for sure that we would have been able to sell in that quick of time," Prout says. Without staging, "I wouldn't be surprised if it was still on the market today." BETH LUBERECKI

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Channel Home Shopping Tips

A real estate agent offers advice on how to brave the market

Buying

Unless you have a real estate license or are a truly dedicated reader of classifieds, you're probably not going to be entirely knowledgeable about how to shop for and make an offer on your first home when the time comes around. And even if you're jumping back into the market after years as a homeowner, you might not be on top of the latest trends in buying and selling.

Nancy Conner's "Buying a Home: The Missing Manual" ($22, O'Reilly) is designed to get you up to speed. The book covers the essential steps of home buying, from applying for a mortgage to hiring (and, if necessary, firing) a real estate agent. Want to know the difference between a townhouse and a co-op? Need to compare asking and selling prices? Crack open this paperback.

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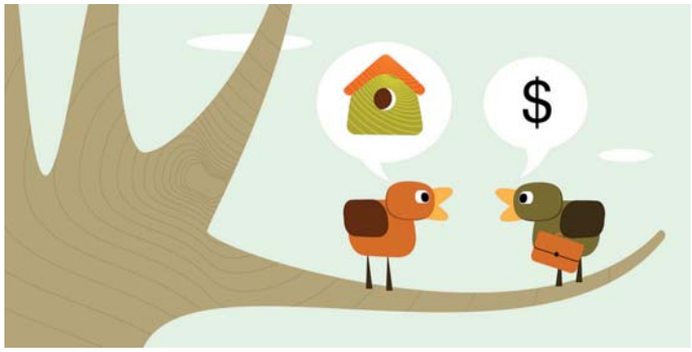

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The Ithaca, N.Y.-based Conner spoke with us by phone to share her perspective on the housing market and some of her tips for buying a home.

Your book is part of the "Missing Manual" series. What do you think was missing from the existing books written for home buyers?

There are a number of good guidebooks out there, but I think with home buying, one of the things that you have to be aware of is that the context is always changing. It makes a big difference in what part of country you live because in some places you've got a really hot sellers' market happening, and in other places, it's much slower. So, there's a whole different approach to making an offer, negotiating, and so on, depending on where you live.

One of things that I tried to do with this book was make it broadly applicable, but also up-to-the-minute, so that it really applies to what's happening right now. For example, I couldn't mention the [federal] first-time home buyers tax credit because it was due to expire.

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Do you think that the first-time home buyers credit has had any impact on housing sales?

Absolutely. All of the uptick I think that you've seen in sales — particularly of existing homes across the country — I think has been almost exclusively applicable to that.

I think that the first-time home buyers credit accomplished two things. It made it easier for people to qualify [for a mortgage], and it also took some of the fear out of the process. A lot of people were really nervous about the idea of buying a home, so I think that the first-time home buyers credit opened the door for a lot of people who might otherwise have hesitated.

What's the most important thing buyers should know when they're selecting a real estate agent?

Work with a buyers' agent. Unless you have an explicit agreement with a real estate agent to represent you, that person's actually a subagent of the seller's agent. So, it's important to be sure that the real estate agent is working in your best interest.

Obviously, your agent doesn't have to be your best friend, but it does have to be somebody that you can feel comfortable communicating with. Your agent is representing a whole bunch of prospective buyers and can't read your mind about what exactly it is that you want. You want to find somebody you feel comfortable talking to, that you can communicate your wish list to.

You also should consider how often you want your agent to communicate with you; some people are happy with an e-mail once a week saying, "Here are some new properties. Do you want to take a look at them?" Other people want the agent to be on the phone as soon as something promising comes on the market.

"Remembering that the people on the other side of the table are people ... humanizes the transaction."

— **NANCY CONNER,** "BUYING A HOME" AUTHOR, ON NEGOTIATING A SALE

What's your favorite Web site for shopping for homes?

The two that I probably use most often are Zillow.com and Trulia.com. Those both have a lot of really good information. They're really remarkable because there's so much more information available out there online than there used to be even five years ago. You can find out how long the home's been on the market and what the original asking price was. If you use Zillow, you can often find out what the current seller paid. It used to be really hard to get that information.

How have Web sites changed the way we shop for homes?

They've put so much information at the buyer's fingertips that it makes it a lot easier to negotiate, for example, and to come up with a realistic offer.

When making an offer, how can you find out the true value of a home?

I think the best way to do that is to look at recent sales of comparable properties in the same or similar neighborhood. Look at similar homes in that area that have sold within the past few months, and that gives you an idea of what the home's market value is.

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How can you avoid making an offer that's unrealistically low?

When you look at sales of recent homes, you also look at the difference between asking price and selling price. That gives you a range for what's considered a reasonable offer.

As far as making an offer that's too high, sometimes people do make an offer — say, maybe 3 percent below the asking price, and the seller jumps on it. Then, the buyer starts kicking themselves, and they say, "Oh, man, I could have made [the offer] a few thousand dollars lower." But what I would say in that situation is if you made an offer that makes sense in terms of what you can afford, what you're willing to pay and what the market seems to bear, then you should be pleased, if the seller accepts it.

The relationship between buyers and sellers seems to often be strained. Should those parties keep their distance?

Often, yes. You each have your own agent, and your agents are professional negotiators. It's their job to know how to work out a deal. On both sides — for both the buyer and the seller — there are often emotions that can get in the way. It's nice to have a neutral third party doing the negotiating for you.

That said, sometimes, [being in direct contact] can be a good idea. You shouldn't go behind your agent's back to meet with the seller. But if you feel like meeting face to face might move things along, you can ask your agent to have all four parties sit down together.

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[When we bought] the house where my husband and I live, we had some negotiating, and things were feeling a little tense. This was around the holidays. So, we added the seller of the house we were buying to our holiday card list, and just sent him a card with a little note saying how much we liked the house. He told us at the closing that that really made a difference — that hearing from us as people, rather than opposing parties in a transaction, made him relax a lot and feel a lot more positive toward us. It ended up being a really positive experience for everybody.

Sometimes, remembering that the people on the other side of the table actually are people can be helpful. It just humanizes the transaction.

Do you have any other tips for negotiating a sale?

Patience in itself is definitely a tip. I think that it's helpful to keep in mind that you're not trying to beat the other party. You're trying to come up with a win-win situation, where both sides are pleased with the final transaction. Sometimes, just keeping in mind that the seller is not your enemy — the seller's somebody you're trying to negotiate with, to enact a transaction that's mutually satisfactory — can just be a nice little reboot of your mind-set, so to speak.

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The D.C.-Md. border often confuses even those who live on it

Neighborhoods

Many locals don't know exactly where the District ends and Maryland begins. Even some who live along the border aren't sure.

Several months after he moved into a bungalow on Eastern Avenue in Takoma Park in 1978, Ray Altevogt was surprised to discover that part of his ostensibly Maryland-side sidewalk lies in the District. A gas line serving his house was replaced, and then the sidewalk needed repair, too.

On-street parking regulations can seem one-sided. Police dispatchers may re-route calls. Some rules apply to one side of the street but not the other.

"That's when I called Takoma Park and realized that my house was in Maryland but the sidewalk and part of the property were in D.C.," Altevogt said.

Those who live along the Maryland-District line learn to adapt to some unusual jurisdictional confusion. This is due in part to a common misconception that the border runs down the middle of three District boundary streets: Western, Eastern and Southern avenues. In fact, the District controls all three roads and several feet on the Maryland side — occasionally right up to a house.

Questions arise when it comes time to repair a sidewalk, widen a driveway or plant a tree. On-street parking regulations can seem one-sided. Police and fire dispatchers may re-route calls. Taxi drivers and passengers have argued over rates for crossing state lines, especially before the District's zone-fare system was changed to meters in 2008. Some rules apply to one side of the street but not the other.

Altevogt, 69, remembers that when his car was rear-ended as he pulled out of his driveway, a passing D.C. patrol car refused to take a report, saying that the driver was in Maryland. And it annoys him that tenants of the apartments opposite his house are allowed extended parking on the D.C. street but that he has to park in his driveway because his cars have Maryland tags.

Overall, though, Altevogt considers his location more a curiosity than a problem. "It's just sort of something I mention often to people," he said. He sometimes signs his address on neighborhood Internet mailing lists as "on the Washington, D.C./Maryland line" and is outspoken about the need for police cooperation and other cross-jurisdictional issues between Takoma Park, Md., and the Takoma neighborhood in the District.

"Living on the coast" is how Rick Toye likes to describe his home on Eastern Avenue, in the District's Shepherd Park neighborhood, where he has lived for 15 years. He and his wife, Bernadine, raised four children in their house, in the middle of more than a dozen homes that face apartment buildings in Silver Spring.

They enjoy ties to their Shepherd Park community along with access to Maryland conveniences.

"Up here, you've got a little of everything," said Toye, 60, a mortgage broker and retired Army colonel. "We can walk to the subway. We can walk to the grocery store. We can walk to the Chinese restaurant. ... I wouldn't trade it for anything."

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Eastern Avenue divides Takoma Park, Md., left, and Northeast Washington, right.

Drawing the Lines

Nationwide, there are many examples of neighborhoods that straddle municipalities, but few in which people live across the street from neighbors in a different state, said Mark Stein, author of "How the States Got Their Shapes," a 2008 HarperCollins book. Stein grew up in Maryland and lives in the District, a few blocks from Western Avenue.

The District's three boundary streets are full of houses, apartment buildings, parks, shopping centers and Metrorail stations. There's little to distinguish the D.C. side from Maryland. No "welcome" signs are posted along the streets, except at some major intersections. Lawn signs may support a candidate for D.C. mayor on one side and a Maryland legislative hopeful on the other.

Price Points

Prices of comparable houses are not significantly different just across the line, said Bill Abbott, a Long &

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Bernadine Toye and her husband, Rick, live on jurisdiction-straddling Eastern Avenue.

Invisible Line

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Foster real estate agent who recently showed a renovated 1936 colonial on Western Avenue in Chevy Chase, D.C. "I don't think either one side or another is going to command a higher price tag, necessarily," said Abbott, whose Friendship Heights office lists houses on both sides of Western Avenue.

On many parts of Southern Avenue, which forms part of the border between the District and Prince George's County, the housing styles are usually too varied to make a similar comparison, some real estate agents say.

But in general, there isn't much difference in property values between the D.C. and Prince George's sides, said Sakina Kingwood, an agent for Keller Williams Realty in Largo. "I would say that it's an individual's preference to be a Washingtonian versus a Marylander," Kingwood said.

A prospective homeowner can choose between the District's Hillcrest neighborhood, which has more expensive but larger, single-family detached houses with yards or the more affordable townhouses and duplexes across the Maryland line, said Linda Simpson, a past president of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors. Prince George's real estate values have recovered more slowly than the District's, Simpson said.

Legal Limits

Chevy Chase Village (Md.) Police Chief Roy Gordon said he sometimes stands on lawns with a D.C. officer and points out the boundary markers, found in some yards in Maryland, to show which department should handle a case.

Although nearly 40 houses along Western Avenue are part of the incorporated Chevy Chase Village, much of what occurs beyond the front doors lies in D.C. territory, Gordon said. If a complaint comes in about an overgrown hedge near a sidewalk, for example, "We'll make a friendly phone call, but we have no authority to cut it," he said.

Stan Crock and Pam Brown, on the Maryland side of Western Avenue, said they had trouble getting police to take a report after a baby sitter's car was hit while parked in front of their house. Montgomery County wouldn't respond and told them to call the District. The District saw a Maryland home address and wouldn't go, either. Eventually, the couple gave an address from across the street and flagged down a D.C. police car as it went by.

But the advantages of their location include access to Montgomery County schools for their now-teenage children and convenience for their D.C.-oriented social life. Those "have far outweighed the nuisances," said Crock, senior editorial director for a consulting company. KAREN TANNER ALLEN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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TV Lineup

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The Nats travel up the road to Camden Yards to face the bat of Ty Wiggington.

Friday

7 A.M. The marathon match may be over, but Wimbledon goes on with the third round at the All England Club. ESPN2

7:05 P.M. The Nats head up I-95 for a weekend series with the O's at Camden yards. MASN

Saturday

2:30 P.M. The USA will play at the twilight's last gleaming against Ghana in the round of 16 in South Africa. ABC

4:05 P.M. The Nats play Game 2 against the beleaguered Orioles. MASN

7 P.M. After watching the Yanks take on Ghana, watch the other Yanks take on the Dodgers in L.A. FOX

7:30 P.M. D.C. United, which hasn't lost a match in a month, is in Columbus, Ohio, to take on the Crew. CSN

Sunday

1 P.M. Jimmie Johnson and Kevin Harvick continue to battle it out at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Lenox Industrial Tools 301. TNT

1:35 P.M. The Battle of the Beltways concludes in Baltimore as the Nats and O's fight for some sort of sad bragging rights. MASN

3 P.M. The PGA Travelers Championship concludes in Cromwell, Conn. CBS

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U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan celebrates his 91st-minute goal that stunned soccer fans nationwide and advanced the Yankees into the tournament's second round.

Landon's Calling

Donovan reflects only briefly on historic goal as U.S. preps for Ghana

Soccer

The words came haltingly, then not at all, as Landon Donovan tried to explain how much the goal meant to him.

He's the greatest soccer player the U.S. has ever produced and, at times, its greatest disappointment. He's spent the last four years trying to claw his way back from heartbreaks both personal and professional. And for all the work he's done, he and the Americans were on the verge of another World Cup flameout.

So, yeah, he celebrated like a 6-year-old on a sugar rush when he scored the goal that will be remembered as one of the biggest in U.S. soccer history. And when it finally all sank in, there's no no way he could — or would — stop the tears.

"In the past, a moment like that wouldn't have felt the same; it wouldn't have felt as good," Donovan said.

On Saturday, the Americans play Ghana — the team that knocked them out four years ago — with a chance to make at least the quarterfinals for only the third time in history.

Donovan is the rare star athlete who will give not only a glimpse into his deepest emotions, but a front-row seat. He talks candidly about his struggles on the field and his uncomfortable transition to U.S. soccer's poster boy, and freely admits therapy has helped him work through personal failings laid bare by his crumbling marriage.

Donovan gives much of the credit for his growth to his estranged wife, Bianca Kajlich. She's an actress, and seeing her have to battle for even the smallest roles made him realize he was squandering his talent. Though Kajlich and Donovan broke up last July, the split was a turning point. His change is obvious in South Africa.

Down 2-0 to Slovenia at the half, the old Donovan would have sulked. He certainly would not have the poise and patience to score the goal that sparked the U.S. comeback. And that thriller against Algeria? Forget about it.

"I live in the moment now," he said. "I will enjoy this longer than I enjoy most goals, but I've already got my head wrapped around Saturday, and the reality of what that is and the opportunity that that presents." NANCY ARMOUR (AP)

> **"It's not a failure if we don't win Saturday, but there's such a massive opportunity to do something so much more special."**

First Fan

Former president Bill Clinton liked what he saw from the U.S. World Cup team so much, he's staying for the next game. Clinton said Thursday that he changed his schedule so he can attend Saturday's game against Ghana. The honorary chair of the U.S. bid to host the World Cup in either 2018 or 2022, Clinton was in the stands for Wednesday's thriller. "I was very diplomatic until we scored, and then I was up there screaming and yelling," he said. (AP)

HANGIN' TOUGH

American John Isner closed out the longest tennis match on record Thursday at Wimbledon, defeating Nicolas Mahut. When all was said and done, Isner advanced to the third round, winning 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 70-68. That legendary fifth set alone took eight hours. The whole match — which spanned three days after breaks due to darkness — lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes. Isner aced Mahut a record 112 times. Isner's next match is Friday. (AP)

World Cup 2010

Standings

GROUP	TEAM	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
A	Uruguay	2	1	0	4	0	7
	Mexico	1	1	1	3	2	4
	South Africa	1	1	1	3	5	4
	France	0	1	2	1	4	1
B	Argentina	3	0	0	7	1	9
	South Korea	1	1	1	5	6	4
	Greece	1	0	2	2	5	3
	Nigeria	0	1	2	3	5	1
C	USA	1	2	0	4	3	5
	England	1	2	0	2	1	5
	Slovenia	1	1	1	3	3	4
	Algeria	0	1	2	0	2	1
D	Germany	2	0	1	5	1	6
	Ghana	1	1	1	2	2	4
	Australia	1	1	1	3	6	4
	Serbia	1	0	2	2	3	3
E	Netherlands	3	0	0	5	1	9
	Japan	2	0	1	4	2	6
	Denmark	1	0	2	3	6	3
	Cameroon	0	0	3	2	5	0
F	Paraguay	1	2	0	3	1	5
	Slovakia	1	1	1	4	5	4
	New Zealand	0	3	0	2	2	3
	Italy	0	2	1	4	5	2
G	Brazil	2	0	0	5	2	6
	Portugal	1	1	0	7	0	4
	Ivory Coast	0	1	1	1	3	1
	North Korea	0	0	2	1	9	0
H	Chile	2	0	0	2	0	6
	Spain	1	0	1	2	1	3
	Switzerland	1	0	1	1	1	3
	Honduras	0	0	2	0	3	0

GERO BRELOER, RICARDO MAZALAN/AP

Robert Vittek, left, scores his second goal for Slovakia in a 3-2 win over Italy. Fabio Quagliarella laments Italy's loss, already compared to 1966's upset against North Korea.

Slovakia Gives Italians the Boot

Loss marks the end of an era for 2006 World Cup champs

Soccer

The stunned looks and the tears told the story — for both teams.

For defending champion Italy, the ignominy of being sent out of the World Cup in the first round sank in immediately. "Tonight," midfielder Gennaro Gattuso said, "we touched rock bottom."

For Slovakia, which beat the Azzurri 3-2 Thursday to advance, well, the celebrating might not stop before Monday's second-round game against the Netherlands.

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The party ended in stunning fashion for four-time champion Italy, which finished last in an opening-round group for the first time.

"I take full responsibility," said coach Marcello Lippi, who led the Azzurri to the 2006 championship. "If the squad went out with fear in their legs and hearts, it means the coach didn't prepare the match well tactically or psychologically."

Never have the previous World Cup finalists both failed to advance in the next tournament when both qualified. France, which lost to Italy in the 2006 title game, went out earlier this week.

It was Italy's first loss at the World Cup since allowing a golden goal to South Korea in the second round in 2002. And it marked the end of an era for Italy captain Fabio Cannavaro and Gattuso, who already announced their retirement from the national team. Lippi is also moving on, with Cesare Prandelli already chosen as his successor.

Italy's squad featured nine players 30 or over, and Prandelli will be charged with a major overhaul.

"We were a disappointment, and everyone saw it," goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon said. "He [Prandelli] will have to start a new cycle, and I hope he's got his ideas in order, because the current situation of Italian football isn't great." (AP)

Japan Joins Dutch in Second Round, Will Face Paraguay Next

Soccer

Spectacular first-half goals by Keisuke Honda and Yusuhito Endo helped lift Japan to a 3-1 win over Denmark on Thursday, sending the Japanese into the round of 16 at the World Cup.

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The Danes, who replied in the 81st minute when Jon Dahl Tomasson tapped in the rebound from his own penalty kick, failed to advance from the group stage for the first time in four World Cup appearances.

Japan's first two goals came from free kicks less than 15 minutes apart, as it collected its second win in Group E. The Japanese finished with six points compared to three for third-place Denmark. The Netherlands topped the group.

Japan also advanced in 2002, when it was a tournament co-host with South Korea. It will face Paraguay — Group F's champ — on Tuesday. (AP)

TOP DOGS

Keisuke Honda

MIDFIELDER, JAPAN

Again, the 24-year-old got Japan's engines going with an opening goal in the 17th minute against Denmark, helping Japan advance out of Group G.

Robert Vittek

STRIKER, SLOVAKIA

Vittek scored the opening two goals against defending champ Italy to send it packing, helping his Slovakians advance. He's now just two goals shy of the Slovakian international play record.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Group G

10 a.m. Brazil has already secured its spot in the next round, and Portugal has virtually done so also, unless Ivory Coast can make up a massive goal differential — now at nine goals — and Portugal also loses to a complacent Brazilian team.

Group H

2:30 p.m. Spain may have been an early favorite, but it will need a convincing win over Chile to ensure advancing, as it has only a one-goal lead over Switzerland in the standings. The Swiss play Honduras, which can be only the spoiler in Group H.

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U.S. Needs to Cut Out the Drama

Dear U.S. soccer players,

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By all means, keep on winning. With almost all of group play completed, the you look like you can compete with just about any team not named Argentina.

The dream is very much alive.

But wouldn't it be nice to take some of the suspense out of the equation Saturday against Ghana?

Even in your shutout, you were still very lucky to not allow an early goal. Give the crossbar a break in the knockout round.

Wouldn't it be nice to take some suspense out of the equation Saturday against Ghana?

Some good old-fashioned defense would do the trick just fine.

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My friend told me he was shaking after those 90 minutes of hell and then four minutes of euphoria after Landon Donovan scored.

Believe me, scoring first and winning comfortably would be better for you, too.

Am I really asking for too much?

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Great Wall of Chinatown

The Wizards' rebuilding plan begins in earnest with top draft selection

The Wizards

The Nationals have Stephen Strasburg. The Capitals have Alex Ovechkin. And now, the Wizards have John Wall, who the team hopes will be the next young superstar to land in the nation's capital.

As expected, the Washington Wizards used the No. 1 pick in Thursday's NBA draft to select the Kentucky point guard.

In Wall, the Wizards believe they have someone to rebuild around as they adopt the same strategy of drafting future stars used by two of the area's other sports teams.

"[The Nationals] are going be good for a long, long time. The Caps are going to be good for a long, long time. That's what we need to be able to say about the Wizards," said Ted Leonsis when he was introduced as the Wizards' new majority owner.

Wall worked out in front of Wizards coaches and personnel last Thursday at Verizon Center. If the front office wasn't sold on the guard previously, it certainly was afterward. In his first meeting with local media, Wall said he saw Strasburg's debut with the Nationals and he believes he build the same sort of excitement with the Wizards.

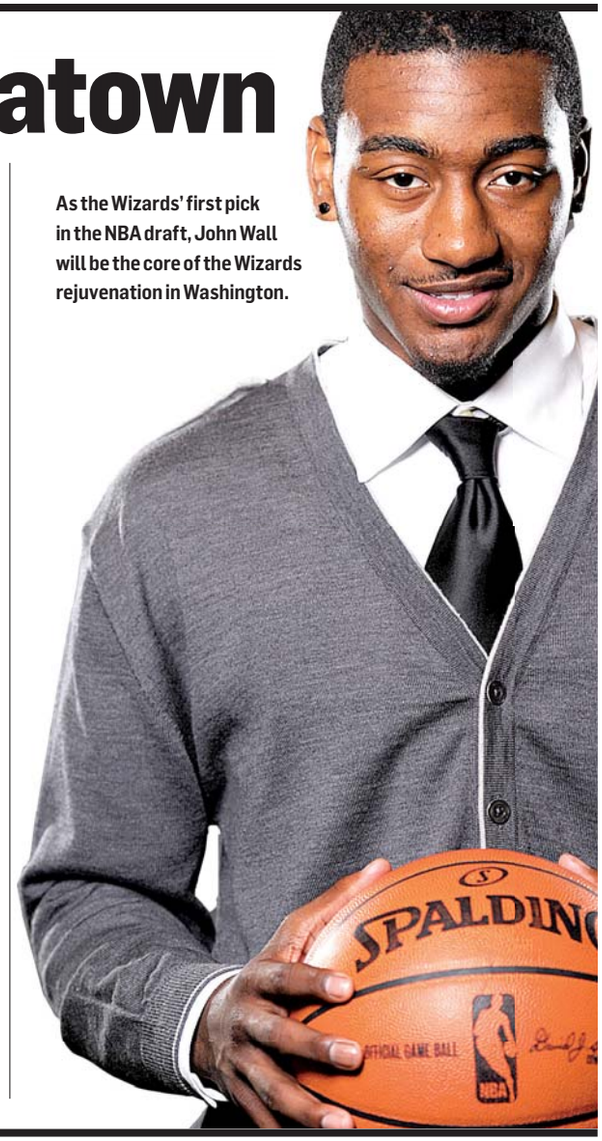
"My goal is to become an All-Star, win Rookie of the Year, and lead us to the playoffs and, hopefully, become a championship contender," Wall said.

Coming off a season in which the Wizards ran into trouble with Gilbert Arenas and then shipped off Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler, two All-Stars who had been the core of the Wizards since 2005, Washington needed a young player to rejuvenate the team and its fans.

The team's new owner knows firsthand the benefits of rebuilding a team around a draftee. As owner of the Capitals, he's watched his hockey team turn into a championship contender since drafting Ovechkin first overall in 2004.

So, when Leonsis, upon buying the Wizards, received an e-mail from a fan, who told him that his first order of business should be to "draft John Wall, sign LeBron James, change the name of the team, and lower ticket prices," he dismissed all but the first suggestion.

"I believe in young players," said Leonsis. "I believe in the power of young players' becoming iconic to the team's success." **JOE BUBAR**



As the Wizards' first pick in the NBA draft, John Wall will be the core of the Wizards rejuvenation in Washington.

Even With Strasburg, It's the Same Old Nats

The Nationals

It's been the fundamental flaw plaguing the Stephen Strasburg-is-a-savior theory all along.

As a starting pitcher, he takes the mound only once every five days. And even if he dazzles, as he has for most of his first four career starts, he can't win if the Washington Nationals' offense doesn't back him up.

At most, it can safely be said that Strasburg, whose starts routinely pack the stadium, is the savior of the concessionaires. But the Nationals, who have a 13-25 record in their past 38 games, are still in dire need of saving.

For a ballclub that has lost more than 100 games in each of the last two seasons, the quick start this year was invigorating. But changing the culture of the organization is proving to be a more time-consuming project. "It's not fun," Ryan Zimmerman said. "Obviously, we should be doing a lot better."

A solid Strasburg start Wednesday couldn't save the Nationals from their quiet bats.

They've committed more errors than any team in baseball. Only the Chicago Cubs have surrendered more unearned runs. They've been caught stealing more than any team in the National League.

In losing to the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday — Strasburg's first career loss despite another strong outing — the Nationals committed an error, failed to convert a sacrifice bunt, had one runner thrown out at the plate and two more who fell down in the base path, preventing them from advancing another base.

In the clubhouse after Wednesday's game, a lone unidentified voice bellowed from inside the showers: "I am way overpaid!" It wasn't Strasburg. **DEREK TURNER**

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Mario Batali is a chef of epic proportions — from his 15-restaurant Italian empire, to his legendary ravenous appetite, to his iconic orange Crocs. But sartorial missteps aside, this year the maestro of more is all about paring down: He shed 45 pounds and came out with a new, ninth cookbook, "Molto Gusto: Easy Italian Cooking" ($30, Ecco), which spotlights simple, streamlined suppers.

What's the secret to making easy dishes that are delicious?
Make sure you have really good staple ingredients: dry pasta, good salt, extra-virgin olive oil, red wine vinegar, anchovies, bread crumbs, Parmigiano-Reggiano. Then whatever you plug in, you can do well, as long as you have the patience to cook things right. One of the things people do wrong in cooking at the house is they move things too quickly around in the pan. What gives that deep intensity of flavors is allowing something to sit and almost caramelize.

How do you do farmers markets?
I do a full walk before I buy anything, unless I think something's going to sell out, and I make mental notes and go back and buy the best-looking ones. Anything that looks filled with vitality and vibrancy is going to be good.

What under-explored but easy Italian dishes should home cooks try?
I like the concept of antipasto being just sautéed, steamed or roasted vegetables. Mix that up with sauce made of ricotta or a vinaigrette with red wine vinegar and olive oil. We often forget simplicity can be really tasty.

What are you excited about grilling this summer?
One of the things I really like to do is put a piastra — a piece of granite or heavy cast iron — right on the top of a third of my grill. I like to cook things I'm afraid are going to stick on that.

> "Make sure you have really good staple ingredients: dry pasta, salt, extra-virgin olive oil."

You lost 45 pounds last year. How can high-calorie Italian fare be part of a healthy diet?
The trick is having a nice small portion of pasta or something a little more calorie-intensive — but making sure you have a big salad and a bowl of cooked vegetables with it. I don't think you feel you've compromised the deliciousness or your satisfaction level.

When are you opening a restaurant in D.C.? There have been rumors.
I like D.C., but I wouldn't open a restaurant and not be down there. I may open a pizzeria, but I certainly wouldn't open a Babbo and not come down — that would be an insult. Plus, I don't want to get my ass handed to me by José Andres. He's one of the great chefs. Moving into his territory is dangerous.

What's your fave D.C. restaurant?
I love Zaytinya. My kids think it's the greatest. Last year for my birthday, we had a meal at Minibar, and it just blew us away. The whole experience was fantastic.

KATIE KNOROVKSY

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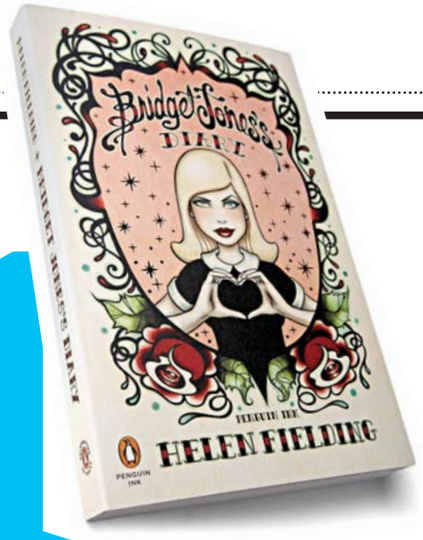

1 Shelf Improvement

JUDGING A BOOK by its cover can be a good idea if (A) you want to avoid political fights at your beach house (no Anne Coulter) or (B) seek to pick up artsy chicks at Tryst (not so much for the Robert Ludlum, dude). Still, titles in the Penguin 75 ($13-$20, Penguinbooks75.com) — a sort of greatest cover-art hit list from the paperback publisher's last 10 years — will inspire admiration/hours of reading. Highlights include a tattoo-inspired reissue of "Bridget Jones's Diary" (above, $15) and "Eat, Pray, Love." They're all shown in the companion book "Penguin 75" ($25, Penguin).

3 Graphic, Novel

SILHOUETTES OF WOMEN IN Victorian bonnets or George Washington in his ponytail might've decked your grandmother's walls. But the age-old craft vaults into the 21st century, thanks to Pennsylvania artist Mike Miller's new collection for West Elm. Miller's stark outlines of what seem to be Brooklyn hipsters — and their dogs — skitter across neutral ground in framed prints (shown, $19, Westelm.com and West Elm stores) and silk pillow covers ($19-$34) that scream downtown loft, not creepy exurban antique mall.

Grab Bag

4 Open Seasoning

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5 Twinkle Toed

BLINGING UP YOUR FEET might mean getting the pedicure decals at Ye Olde Manicure Hut. It could also entail scooping up some of Mod Cloth's new — but retro-spirited — shoe clips. Styles included ruby slipperish red rhinestone hearts ($14 per pair, Modcloth.com), real compasses ($24) and oversized silk flowers in hot pink or orange. Any would transform plain black pumps into something far sexier than, say, a Playboy Bunny toenail gem.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Next week, my sister and her two grade-school sons are coming for a Fourth of July visit. They're going to do all of the sights, from the White House to the Smithsonian. I'm going with them on a couple of these jaunts, so there will be lots of walking in the unrelenting D.C. heat. Can you suggest some very comfortable sandals that don't look a fright? — ELLEN

Manolo says, in the Manolo's opinion, the Fourth of July is the best time

of the year in the Washington, D.C., for the simple reason that no one looks at you askance for being the super-patriotic flag-waver who expresses the ardent love of country.

You are free to enjoy the fireworks and the brass bands, the happy crowds and the monuments, as if you were the little kid who has just memorized the preamble to the Constitution.

To have the company of actual children will make these simple pleasures doubly sweet.

Unfortunately, at this time of the year, the Washington weather is not the most salubrious, for, indeed, such heat and humidity are rarely found outside of the Turkish sauna.

On the other of the hands, the congress persons have departed the District, leaving only the mosquitoes to feast upon your very essence.

Look! Here is the Julia-82330 from Think! ($155, Zappos.com) in the brown leather and the cork. It is comfortable and not unstylish.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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PEDI, SET, GO

You've probably already broken out your flip-flops and strappy sandals, but if you didn't prep your feet for their warm-weather debut, you'll be exposing cracked heels, dry skin and — gross! — calluses along with your peep-toes or gladiators.

You could head to Expensive Nails Are Us for a pampering pedicure to help bring some life back to your limbs. "That's what a lot of people do, because their feet have been enclosed in shoes during the winter," says Tonia Briscoe, co-owner of Nusta Spa (1129 20th St. NW; 202-530-5700, Nustaspa.com). "They have a professional pedicure to get started for the season and then do maintenance at home." But it's also easy to do a toe tune-up yourself. Read on for our tips on making feet fine.

Sayonara, Skin

To get rid of the dead, scaly skin that's built up on your feet over the winter, "the most important thing is to begin with exfoliation," says Dana Caruso, nail expert for Sally Hansen. "Combine a cup of sea salt, a cup of olive oil and six drops of any essential oil. Mix all that together, massage onto your feet and then slough it off with a pumice."

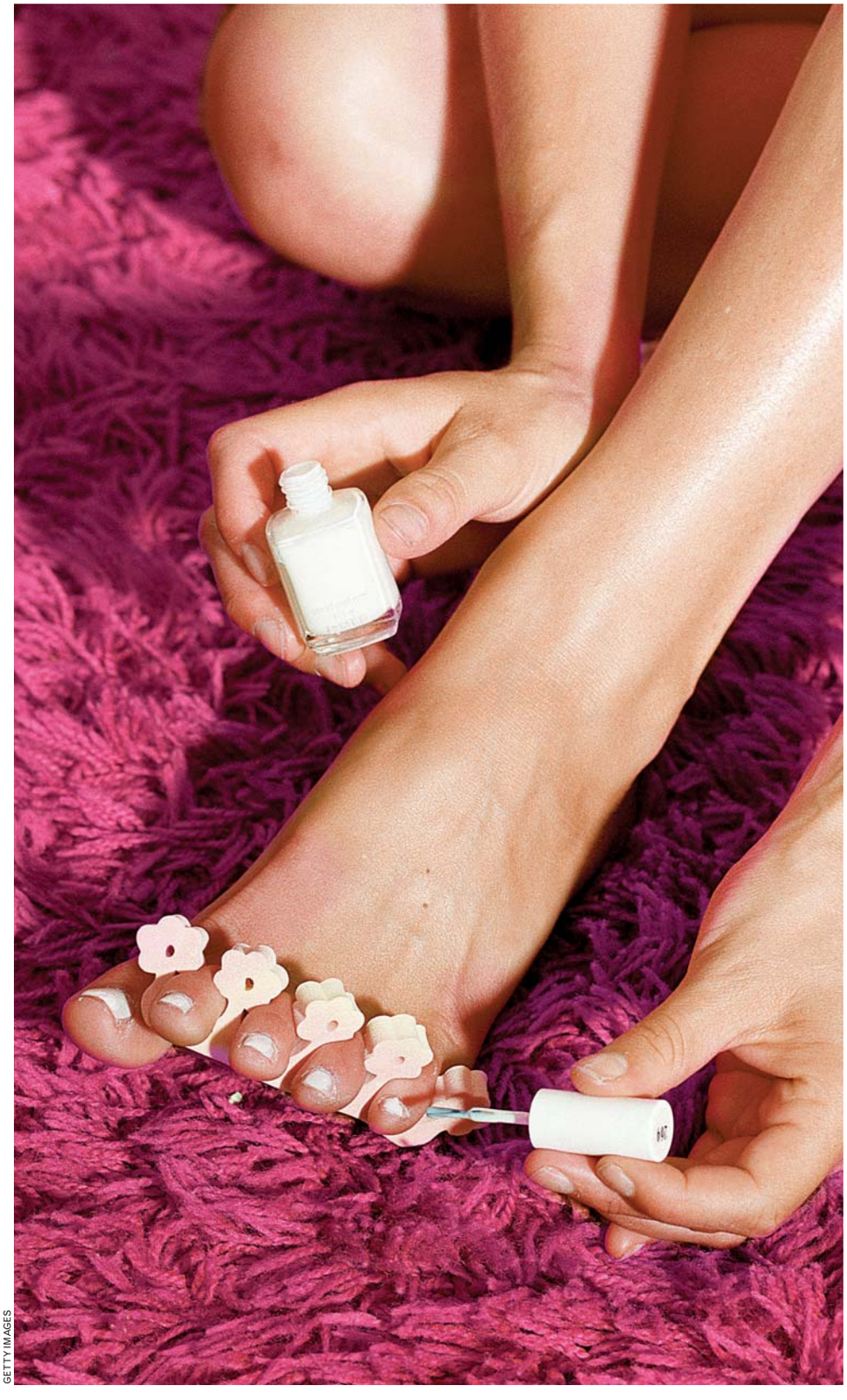
You can even put some things you already have in your bathroom to work for you. "Every time you get out of the shower, take a pumice or sponge, put some hair conditioner on it and use it on your heels," says Serena Chreky, vice president of Andre Chreky, the Salon Spa (1604 K St. NW, 202-293-9393; Andrechreky.com).

Quench Tootsies

Once all that old skin's been removed, reach for the moisturizer. To get the best results, slather on Vaseline or lotions such as Burt's Bees Coconut Foot Creme and Udderly Smooth Udder Cream (Chreky's faves) before bed, then slip on some white socks and hit the sack. "I do it once a week," says Chreky. "But if you can do it every night, especially during the summer, all the better."

Nail Therapy

After your feet have awoken from their long winter nap, focus on your toenails (um, those clawlike things at the end of your feet). Caruso suggests using a white buffing block, pulling from the cuticle to the free edge of each nail, to get rid of calluses, dry skin and imperfections. Massage in some cuticle oil, then take the edge of a wet facecloth and clean the nail grooves, the surface and underneath the free edge. "If things get trapped in there, that's



GETTY IMAGES

"IF YOU CAN EVER BE KIND OF PROVOCATIVE, YOU CAN DO IT ON YOUR TOES."

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FOOT SOLDIERS

Want to treat your feet to a little TLC? Try some of these products that promise to buff, rub and polish your tootsies till they're worthy of your cute new sandals.

1. Thymes Essentials Foot Scrub ($18, Thymes.com) includes silica and walnut shells to exfoliate winter buildup, and ingredients such as sunflower oil and vitamin E to hydrate and moisturize.

2. Banish dry skin and calluses with Tweezerman's new Sole Mates Dual Sided Foot File ($20, Tweezerman.com), which features a stainless-steel micro-file and finishing file that magnetically clip together for storage.

3. Reach for Rimmel London's Lasting Finish Pro Nail Enamel ($3.99, drugstores) in new shades such as Marine Blue and Sunset Orange. Micro-sized minerals fill in imperfections on the nail, while UV fade protection helps colors last.

4. The multitasking Miss Oops Pedicure in a Bottle ($18, Missoops.com) leaves feet smooth, soft and superbly scented, thanks to ingredients such as shea butter, peppermint and lavender.

5. Paul & Joe's Nail Enamel ($14, Beautyhabit.com) includes moisturizers such as orange flower water to protect nails while making them pretty.

the first thing to cause polish to chip," Caruso says.

Paint Job

When it comes to polish colors, standbys such as classic red or ballet-slipper pink still go with your peep-toes. But greens, blues and brights such as fiery orange look fresh as a Creamsicle this year. "If you can ever be kind of provocative, you can do it on your toes," says Alicia Jones, nail technician at the Bliss Spa (515 15th St. NW, 877-862-5477).

You don't need fancy equipment to paint your toes at home, though. Cotton balls, a tissue, or a piece of toilet paper can all be used to separate your piggies. But you'll need to devote a Picasso-esque period to carefully brush stuff on. "Always do a base and topcoat," says Alisha Botero, national training director for nail services at Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spas. "A base coat helps your polish stick longer and protects your nails from getting stained. A topcoat seals your color and gives you shine."

And wasn't that what you were looking for, twinkle toes? BETH LUBERECKI

ROAD TEST

From champagne-infused soaks to chocolate scrubs, there's something to refresh every weary sole in pedicure land. We road-tested three different treatments at local day spas. KATIE ABERBACH

Bliss

515 15TH ST. NW; 877 862 5477; BLISSWORLD.COM

Pedicure: The Pedi-colada, which uses pina colada ingredients. Bonus: Sip a non-alcoholic colada during the pedicure. ($70 for 60 minutes)

Treatment: Soaks in pineapple-infused coconut milk and scrubs with shredded coconut left our toes feeling soft and satisfied (but not sticky). A foot massage with a warm seashell was as soothing as a dip in the sea.

After a week: Our turquoise nails still looked impeccable — exactly as they did when we left Bliss.

Extras: All customers are treated to complimentary tea, brownies and other little nibbles, so the pina colada seemed like overkill.

The Spa at Ritz-Carlton

1700 TYSONS BLVD., MCLEAN, VA.; 703-506-4300; RITZCARLTON.COM

Pedicure: The Babor Organics pedicure, which uses molten wax from a candle. ($78 for 50 minutes)

Treatment: After our feet were scrubbed and soaked, our toes, heels and calves were covered in warm, aromatic candle wax and wrapped in hot towels. Next: an invigorating foot and leg massage, and a polish application.

After a week: Our hot-pink polish had a few chips.

Extras: We relaxed in an automatic massage chair throughout the appointment. Customers can use the hotel's gym or indoor pool before or after the pedicure for free.

Jolie Day Spa

7200 WISCONSIN AVE., BETHESDA., 301-986-9293; HALCYONDAYSSALONSANDSPAS.COM

Pedicure: The hot lava mud pedicure, in which your feet are smothered in Dead Sea mud. ($70 for 60 minutes)

Treatment: After a relaxing soaking-scrubbing-soaking regimen, our feet and lower legs were swathed in gooey — and cold! — gray-brown mud, wrapped in plastic and covered in hot towels. When they were unwrapped and rinsed off about 10 minutes later, our legs and feet felt refreshingly tingly and cool.

After a week: The still-intact periwinkle paint job continued to earn compliments.

Extras: Another automatic massage chair gave a great back rub.

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The Reelist

MAGNOLIA PICTURES

Strange Love

I always thought of Tilda Swinton as a weirdo. She looked weird and did weird movies. Even when she did mainstream movies she was weird — though to great effect. Her White Witch in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" honed the line between creepy and attractive to an icy edge; she made it easy to see why doing bad things often seems like such a good idea.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

In "I Am Love," Swinton plays Emma Recchi, a Russian woman who married into a wealthy Italian clan. The thin family melodrama, which could easily have been "Oh, let's watch the sad rich woman cry into her 500-thread-count pillowcase," holds together largely thanks to Swinton's performance. (Which is entirely in Italian. Apparently, she can speak Italian. With a Russian accent.) Director Luca Guadagnino lets the camera linger on small areas of Swinton's body, and she seems to be able to act through her forehead and her fingertips.

Swinton could easily jettison the extreme indie life and have an IMDB profile full of movies people have heard of. She could be battling Meryl Streep for roles. But I hope she doesn't. I hope she keeps showing up on the red carpet in outfits Lady Gaga would dismiss as too avant-garde, and I hope she keeps being known as "you know, that weird-looking redhead." Swinton disproves that an actress has to be traditionally pretty to create something beautiful.

@ Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**

COLUMBIA PICTURES-SONY/TRACY BENNETT/AP

From left: David Spade, Kevin James, Chris Rock and Adam Sandler venture into familiar male-bonding territory in the slapstick-happy, cliche-heavy comedy "Grown Ups."

Arrested Development

In the male-centric 'Grown Ups,' Adam Sandler reverts back to juvenile comedy

Film Review

Wait, is this the right movie? "Grown Ups," a summer male-bonding comedy starring Adam Sandler, purports to be about a successful man in his 40s dealing with rue and regret with bittersweet laughs and maybe a few tears along the way. But that's what Sandler did in last summer's "Funny People," which was a whole lot funnier and about actual, recognizable human people.

What a difference a year makes. "Grown Ups" finds Sandler reverting to lunkheaded, lazy-laff form as a Hollywood super-agent named Lenny who reunites with his childhood friends after the funeral of their revered basketball coach. The lineup:

There's Eric (Kevin James), the fat-joke target who makes his entrance by breaking the side of an inflatable pool and unleashing a backyard tsunami, drives a Cadillac, and has a pretty wife (Maria Bello) who still breast-feeds their 4-year-old son. Kurt (Chris Rock) is a house-husband married to a tart-tongued career woman (Maya Rudolph); Rob (Rob Schneider) is a New Age massage therapist married to a much older woman (Joyce Van Patten); and Marcus (David Spade) is the group's skeevy-looking Peter Pan.

With its lame, guys-doing-guy-stuff humor, "Grown Ups" resembles the bro-centric picture "The A-Team," except that nothing blows up — unless you count a flatulent mother-in-law (which is one of several sexist jokes that wear thin). And if you find that hilarious, you'll just love stunts involving James flying headfirst into a tree, Spade falling headfirst into a pile of mud and an arrow going headfirst into Schneider's foot.

From each obvious setup to its hoary payoff, "Grown Ups" hews faithfully to its formula, which is concocted mostly as a way for Sandler's alter ego to have his cake and eat it, in the form of reveling in his material success while taking a few moments to question his own values. (He even gets the prettiest girl: Salma Hayek plays his wife.)

After the requisite number of insults, slapstick sight gags and male ogling "Grown Ups" ends with a tiresome grudge match on the basketball court, in which Lenny Teaches Everyone a Lesson in What Really Matters. In its own hackneyed way, the scene perfectly sums up just how smug and self-congratulatory the movie has been all along. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Grown Ups (PG-13)

- **Director:** Dennis Dugan
- **Stars:** Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock, Rob Schneider, David Spade and Salma Hayek
- **In a Nutshell:** Bathroom humor abounds in this story of reunited childhood friends.

Inspiration

Hoop Daydreams

Adam Sandler's own childhood informed "Grown Ups." "I grew up playing church league basketball," Sandler told reporters at a recent press conference. "I thought that, instead of doing a movie about high school, it would be easier if we made it church league basketball kids. ... The cast all play a little bit of ball, so we just thought that would be interesting." (EXPRESS)

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Uncomfortably Funny

Awkward moments and realistic scenes resonate in 'Cyrus'

Film Review

Brothers Jay and Mark Duplass are best known, to those who know of them at all, as the writing-directing team that helped create the "mumblecore" genre, notable for its shambling, improvised narrative structures and youthful esprit de corps.

With "Cyrus," the Duplasses' third feature, they show newfound ambition — the movie features such name actors as Jonah Hill, Marisa Tomei and John C. Reilly — but also an adamant refusal to overreach. "Cyrus" keeps its focus uncomfortable and obsessive, just the way the neurotic protagonists like it.

"Cyrus" announces its confrontational intentions from the get-go, when in the opening scene the film's hero, John (Reilly), is interrupted in an intimate moment by his ex-wife Jamie (Catherine Keener), who has stopped by to let him know she's getting re-married. Later, at a party, John meets Molly (Tomei), who thinks his penchant for drunken confessions is cute. The future looks bright for John and Molly, until he discovers that she has been hiding something.

That would be the title character, Molly's 21-year-old son, played here by Hill in a creepy, funny, sad, weirdly unsettling performance.

Thanks to terrific acting, especially from Reilly as the audience's befuddled surrogate, these encounters don't play like pseudo-therapy but like vignettes from life.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

CHUCK ZLOTNICK/FOX SEARCHLIGHT/AP

Jonah Hill, right, makes life difficult for his mother's beau, John C. Reilly, in "Cyrus."

Cyrus (R)

- **Directors:** Jay Duplass and Mark Duplass
- **Stars:** Marisa Tomei, Catherine Keener, Jonah Hill, John C. Reilly
- **For Fans of:** "Funny People," "Knocked Up," "The Puffy Chair"

Nightlife Agenda

BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

It's all "Glee" all night at **TOWN**'s "Glee Club" party. This means "Glee" karaoke. "Glee" videos. Sing-alongs with "Glee" videos. Favorite moments from "Glee" on big screens throughout the club. And live performances when the DJs aren't getting "Glee"-ed up. "Is ["Glee"] the best show ever? It might be the gayest show ever," says the press release from Town (2009 8th St. NW; $10, $5 between 10 and 11 p.m. for those 21 and over; 202-234-8696).

SATURDAY

It's hard to say what our favorite part of the **D.C. CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL** (Dccaribbeancarnival.org) is: The Saturday parade that snakes down Georgia Avenue (departs at 11 a.m. from Missouri and Georgia avenues in Northwest), with crowds of dancers in over-the-top costumes; the festival grounds, where families and singles alike groove to live music while the smell of jerk chicken wafts over the crowd; or the numerous club parties that give us the chance to see some of soca's biggest names.

At **CROSSROADS** (4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; $35; 301-927-1056), for example, the Carnival City bill features Alison Hinds, the Barbadian "Queen of Soca"; reigning Soca Monarchs JW & Blaze, who took the title at Trinidad's Carnival this year with the infectious hit "Palance"; Grenadian soca star Tallpree; and the Caribbean Traffik Jam band. New York's Steelie Bashment is the featured DJ.

We have a veritable griot in our midst in Cheick Hamala Diabate. This Malian troubadour often performs around town paired with salsa machine Bio Ritmo, so you have another chance to catch the African bard and the rumberos at the **ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL** (1353 H St. NE; 8:30 p.m., $12; 202-388-7625). New Orleans jazz and funk outfit No BS Brass Band and the classic nuyorican selections of the Rice and Beans Sound System round out an evening of worldly dance grooves.

AHI CHIKWENDIU/TWP

The D.C. Caribbean Carnival parade flows down Georgia Avenue last year.

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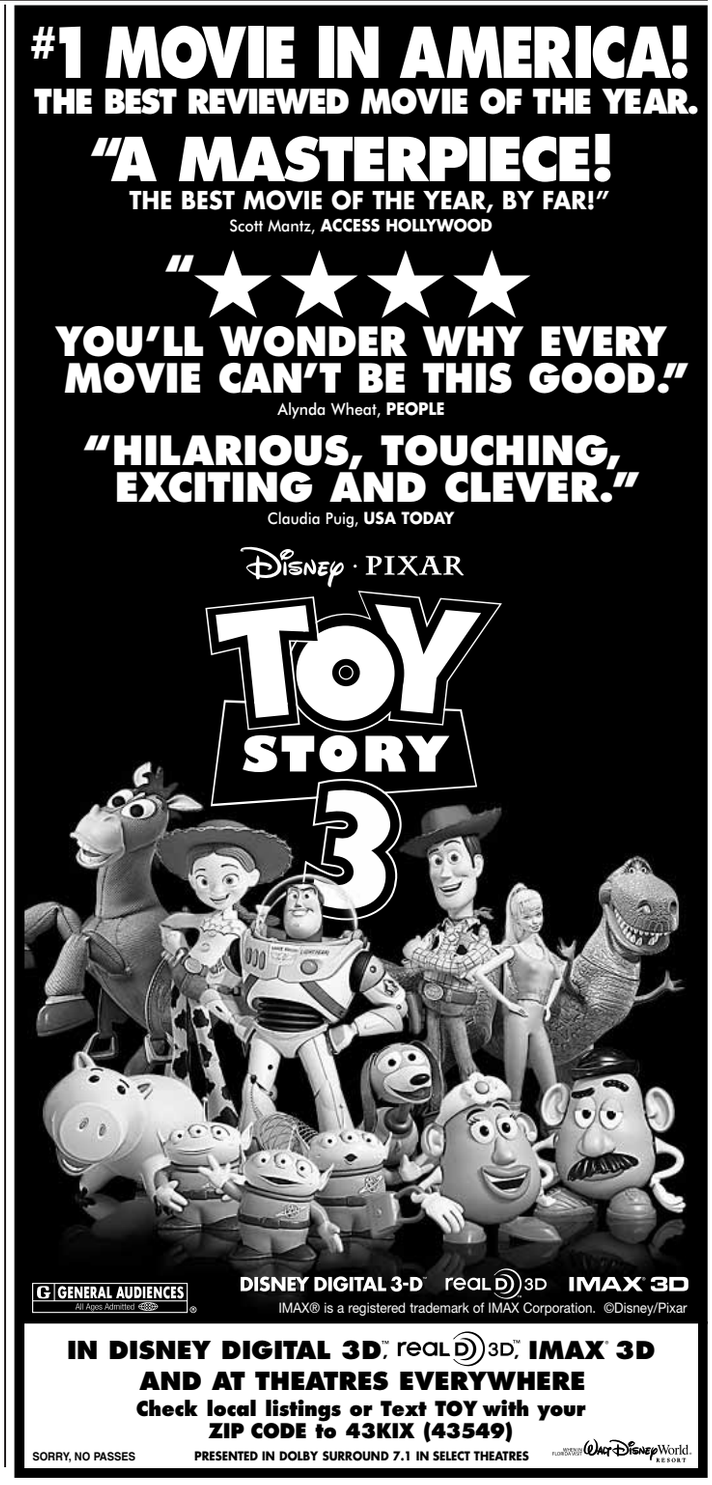
Now Playing

THE A-TEAM (PG-13, 117 minutes) Co-starring Bradley Cooper, Quinton "Rampage" Jackson and Sharlto Copley, this film engages in the same blurry, incoherent close-up action to which young filmgoers have now become accustomed. During a preamble set in the Mexican desert, we meet the guys: the unflappable Smith; Face, the ladies' man; Murdock, the crazy-like-a-fox pilot; and Bosco "B.A." Baracus, the Mohawked muscle man. In case watching a guy machine-gun his enemies from atop a tank isn't enough, the filmmakers treat viewers to an elaborately staged climax at the Los Angeles piers. Jessica Biel also appears as one of Face's love interests. This film might be selling itself as an action flick, but it's really just a hopeless bromantic. **A.H.**

GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R, 109 minutes) A spin-off of sorts, this film follows the further exploits of hedonistic British rock star Aldous Snow, last seen getting straight and sober in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." But Snow has fallen on hard times here. A well-intentioned but enormously offensive single, "African Child," has thrown his career into a nosedive, sent his girlfriend and child packing, and caused him to relapse into substance abuse. In an effort to resurrect his public image, the record company sends Aaron Green (Jonah Hill), a rookie intern, to escort him from London to a comeback



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gig. But at Snow's insistence, this British assignment devolves into a three-day bender. **AARON LEITKO**

JOAN RIVERS: A PIECE OF WORK (R, 84 minutes) The movie begins with the celebration of Rivers's 75th birthday in 2008 and follows her over the course of a year, looking back at her career. Both her filing cabinets filled with jokes and the sprawling staff lend justification to the film's title, with plays on the comic's propensity for outrageousness along with her formidable work ethic. She is also shown working on a one-woman play, "Joan Rivers: A Work in Progress by a Life in Progress." At one point, Rivers shows the camera a blank page in her appointment book, saying, "I'll show you fear." But what exactly is she so afraid of? Perhaps the loss of love that being out of the limelight would represent. **M.O.**

SETH KEAL/IFC FILMS/AP

"Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work" follows a year in the life of the hardworking comic.

THE KARATE KID (PG, 132 minutes) The new "Karate Kid" brings fresh life and perspective to the classic tale of perseverance and cross-generational friendship. As Dre Parker, who, with his mother, Sherry (Taraji P. Henson), has just moved to Beijing, Jaden Smith brings a soulful, searching sense of vulnerability to a kid who comes under attack from bullies on his first day in town. After a particularly brutal beat-down, Dre is defended by his apartment house caretaker, a quiet introvert named Mr. Han (Jackie Chan). While the filmmakers invite viewers to wince during the film's fight scenes, they make sure to soften the blows with wise tutorials in self-discipline, respect and balance. **A.H.**

PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG-13, 103 minutes) In this adventure based on the popular video game, the focus of Prince Dastan (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a special dagger he has stumbled upon. When a jewel is pressed on its hilt, releasing the few thimblefuls of sand inside, it has the ability to rewind time, but only for a single minute. Not just any sand will work, either. Hidden underground is a giant glass vessel filled with the right kind. Only the dagger can break the glass. Once the glass is broken, the sand gives its user unlimited ability to travel back in time. The problem is that Dastan's not the only one who knows about it. Someone else wants it and has set Dastan up for the murder of his adoptive father, King Sharaman. **M.O.**

TOY STORY 3 (G, 103 minutes) Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks), Buzz (Tim Allen), Jessie (Joan Cusack) and their toy-box friends return to the screen in a film set during the week before Andy goes off to college. Buzz, Jessie and the gang are sent to a day-care center that winds up being, as one survivor puts it, a place of squalor and despair, "run by an evil bear who smells of strawberries." The toys' breakout from the day-care center winds up being the ballast of the film. Woody meets a new group of toys, including a hedgehog who approaches pretend tea parties with the thespian seriousness of Daniel Day-Lewis. Ultimately, every "Toy Story" movie is not just about the film's plot or narrative, but the stories the characters want to be in when Andy plays with them. **A.H.**

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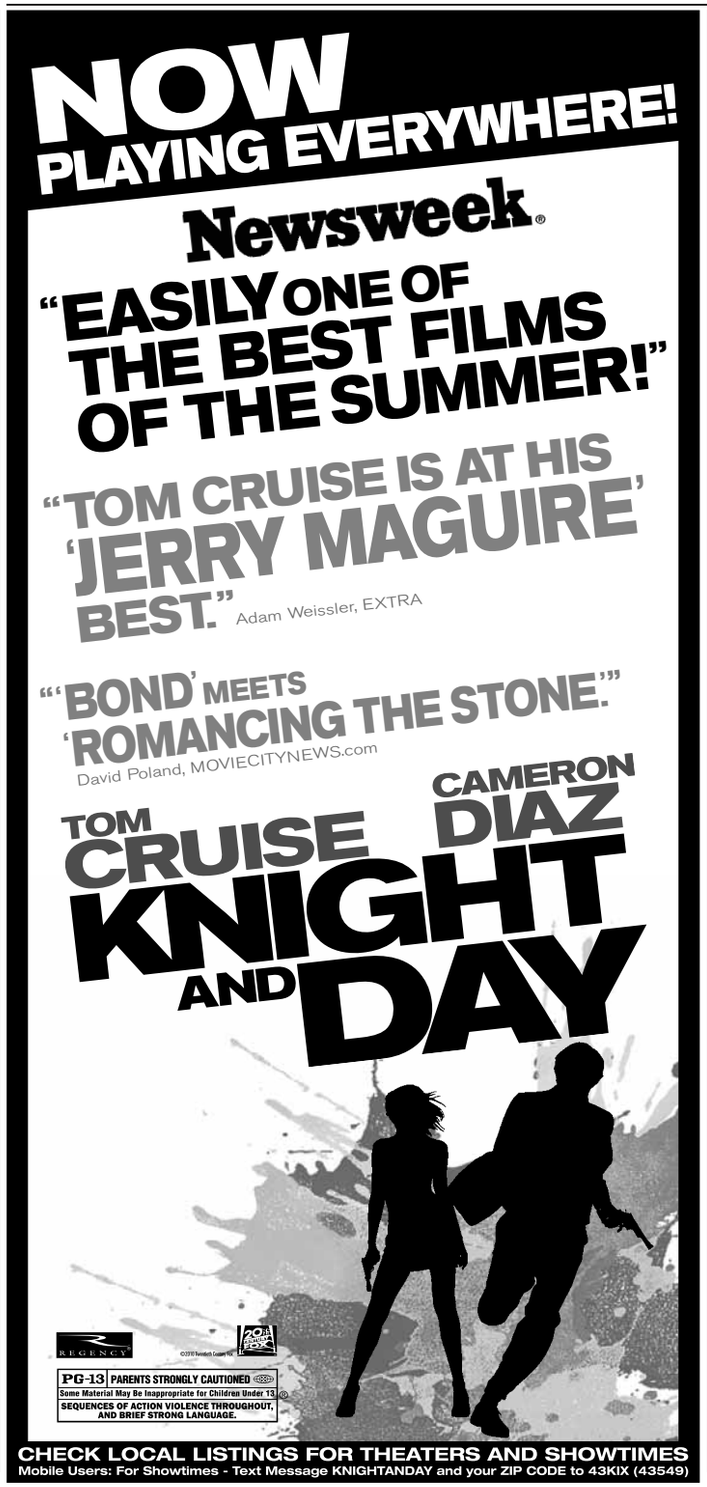

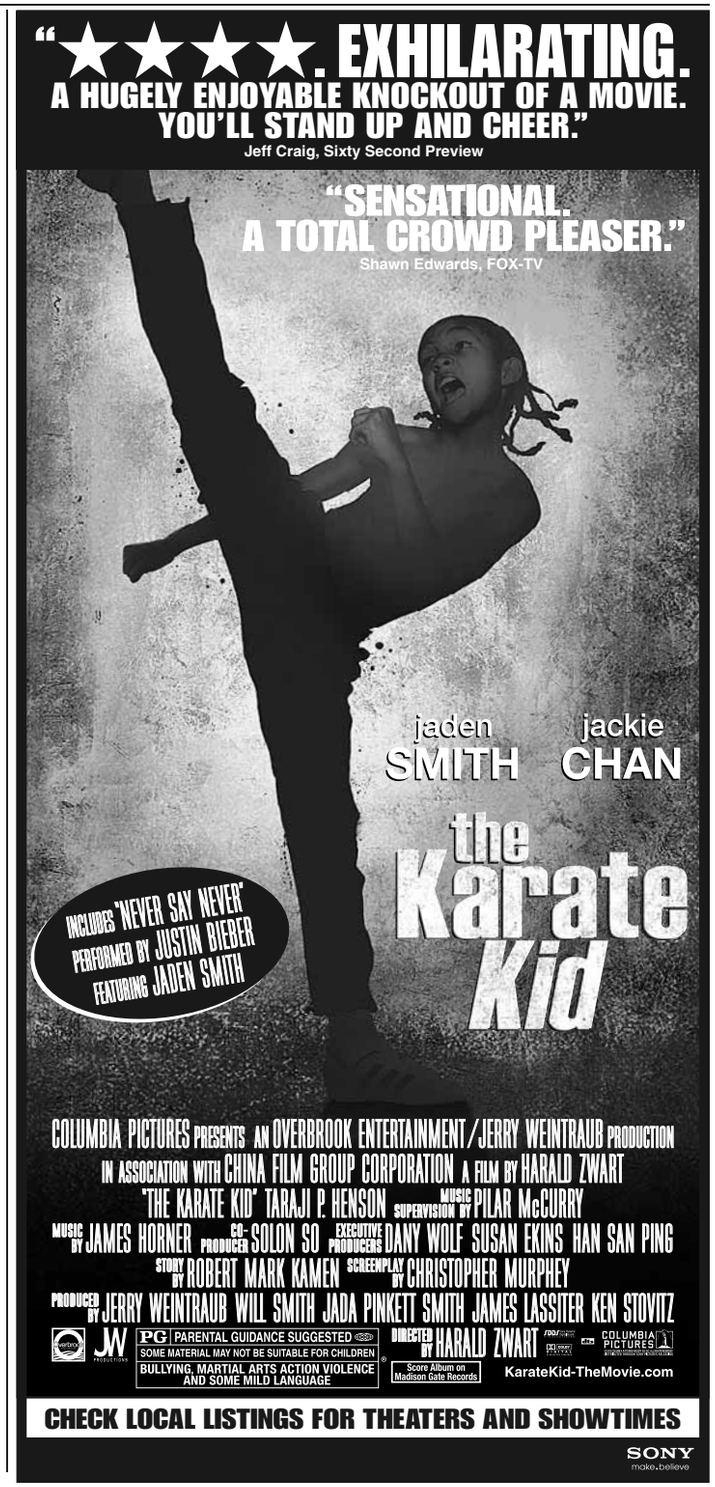

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1 Hopes Dashed

MICHAEL JACKSON IS STILL ALIVE! Maybe he was cryogenically frozen or rescued by aliens or something, but MICHAEL JACKSON IS — oh. Oh, it's only metaphorical. Aw. Well, we can't be too sad. There's a tribute dance party at U Street Music Hall tonight titled (MISLEADINGLY) "Michael Jackson Is Still Alive." At least we can still dance. ***U Street Music Hall, 1115A U St. NW; Fri., 5 p.m.-10 p.m., free; 202-588-1880, Ustreetmusichall.com. (U St.-Cardozo)***

2 Swim Time

The Hilton Washington Embassy Row has a rooftop pool. It didn't need to add anything; we'd show up just for that. But on Saturday afternoon, there's a party that includes the World Cup on the big screen, $4 beers, myriad snacks and, you know, a rooftop pool. What we're trying to say is: "See you there." ***Hilton Washington Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave. NW; Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m., $10 cover includes a towel, or get in free between 11 a.m. and noon; Theswimmeet.com. (Dupont Circle)***

3 Bicycle Race

For those of us too old for school formals and too young or too uncool for black-tie events such as Nerd Prom, there's Bike Prom. A fleet of bicycles speed the young and ironic, bedecked in corsages and updos that defy physics, to the Black Cat. Dancing the night away commences. ***Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., $10; 202-667-4490, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)***

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Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema — www.landmarktheatres.com

THE ROOM (R) 12:00 Midnight
EXIT THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP (R) 11:45
I AM LOVE (R) (1:00, 4:00)7:00, 9:40, 12:00
PLEASE GIVE (R) (1:15, 3:30, 5:45)8:00, 10:15
WINTER'S BONE (NR) (1:50, 4:30)7:15, 9:35
CYRUS (R) (12:45, 3:00, 5:15)7:30, 9:15, 9:45, 11:30
JOAN RIVERS: A PIECE OF WORK (R) (12:55, 3:10, 5:20)7:40, 9:50
THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (1:20, 4:20)7:20, 10:10
PERRIER'S BOUNTY (NR) (12:40, 2:50, 5:00)7:10
BRAZILDOCS (NR) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre — www.theavalon.org

MADEMOISELLE CHAMBON (NR) 12:30, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15
THE LOTTERY (NR) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown — www.amctheatres.com

THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

AMC Theaters

AMC Mazza Gallerie — www.amctheatres.com

GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
IN DIGITAL 3-D
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 7:00, 9:10
7:00, 9:10
THE KARATE KID (PG) 10:05, 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40
SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Georgetown — www.amctheatres.com

GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:20, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45, 12:15
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 11:35, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
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TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 10:30, 12:05, 1:15, 2:45, 3:50, 5:30, 6:20, 8:10, 8:50, 10:40, 11:15
IN DIGITAL 3-D
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 10:15, 1:05, 3:45, 6:40, 9:25, 12:05
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 10:40, 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:25, 9:35, 11:45
KILLERS (PG–13) 10:20, 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:35
THE KARATE KID (PG) 10:25, 1:40, 4:40, 7:50, 11:10
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 12:10, 3:40, 7:10, 10:20
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 11:50, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 2:30, 5:00
IN DIGITAL 3-D
IRON MAN 2 (PG–13) 7:40, 10:30

Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium — www.regmovies.com

THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG) Advance Tickets Available
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
INCEPTION (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:10, 7:15, 9:00, 9:50, 11:30, 12:15
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 11:10, 12:40, 2:10, 3:20, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:40, 10:20, 12:20
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 12:00, 5:00, 10:30
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 11:00, 1:10, 1:40, 3:45, 4:15, 6:20, 7:00, 8:50, 9:30, 11:20, 12:00
TOY STORY 3 (G) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
THE KARATE KID (PG) 11:40, 12:30, 2:50, 3:40, 6:00, 7:20, 9:15, 10:25, 12:30
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 1:20, 4:50, 8:00, 10:40
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45
KILLERS (PG–13) 3:50, 10:10, 12:35
PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG–13) 2:20, 7:50, 12:45
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 12:35, 6:55
SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 12:40, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55, 12:10
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 12:20

Virginia

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Arlington — www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

NO FILMS SHOWING TODAY (NR)

Regal Potomac Yards

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG) Advance Tickets Available
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
INCEPTION (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:20, 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:35, 5:10, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:35, 11:50
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 10:10, 11:00, 11:25, 1:30, 2:10, 4:00, 4:45, 6:35, 7:30, 9:20, 10:10, 11:50
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, 11:45
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 11:15, 1:20, 1:50, 3:55, 4:25, 6:30, 7:00, 9:05, 9:35, 11:40
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:40, 12:10, 2:15, 2:40, 4:50, 5:15, 7:25, 7:50, 10:00, 10:25
THE KARATE KID (PG) 12:05, 12:30, 3:05, 3:45, 6:20, 7:05, 9:40, 10:15
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:25
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 11:50 A.M.
2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
KILLERS (PG–13) 11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15
PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG–13) 1:40, 7:20
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 3:20, 9:10
SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) 12:50, 6:45
IRON MAN 2 (PG–13) 11:05, 4:30, 10:05
FREE FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL TUE & WED 10AM (NR)
OPEN CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE - SELECTED FILM - DAILY (NR)

Regal Kingstowne Stadium

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG) Advance Tickets Available
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
INCEPTION (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:40, 1:10, 2:20, 3:50, 5:10, 6:50, 8:00, 9:30, 10:40
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 11:10, 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:50, 12:40, 2:40, 3:30, 5:30, 6:20, 8:20, 9:10
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
THE KARATE KID (PG) 11:30, 12:30, 3:10, 4:00, 6:40, 7:30, 10:00
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 11:20, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

Regal Ballston Common Stadium

Arlington — www.regmovies.com

THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG) Advance Tickets Available
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
GROWN UPS (PG–13) 12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40
THE KARATE KID (PG) 11:50, 12:50, 3:00, 4:00, 6:20, 7:20, 9:30, 10:30
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 8:10
1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
SPLICE (R) 10:20
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 11:25, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25
KILLERS (PG–13) 3:50, 9:25
PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG–13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 1:10, 4:35, 7:50
SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20
ROBIN HOOD (PG–13) 12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50
IRON MAN 2 (PG–13) 1:00, 6:35
FREE FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL TUE & WED 10AM (NR)

AMC Theatres Courthouse Plaza

Arlington — www.amctheatres.com

KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 12:10, 1:30, 2:45, 4:10, 5:20, 7:00, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 12:00, 2:40, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
IN DIGITAL 3-D
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10
MARMADUKE (PG) 12:05, 2:20, 4:30
LETTERS TO JULIET (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
AMC independent
CITY ISLAND (PG–13) 6:50, 9:30

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria — www.oldtowntheatre.com

GROWN UPS (PG–13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 5:00, 7:15, 10:00

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

Alexandria — www.amctheatres.com

GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:55, 2:45, 5:45, 8:35, 11:35
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KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 10:40, 11:40, 1:35, 2:35, 4:30, 5:30, 7:25, 8:25, 10:15, 11:20
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:15, 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 10:30, 12:05, 1:20, 3:00, 4:10, 5:50, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45, 11:30, 12:30
IN DIGITAL 3-D
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 10:15, 12:45, 3:35, 6:20, 9:00, 11:40
TOY STORY 3: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (G) 10:00, 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:15, 12:00
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 10:10, 11:00, 1:25, 2:10, 4:20, 5:10, 7:30, 8:10, 10:20, 11:15
THE KARATE KID (PG) 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50, 3:30, 5:40, 6:15, 7:10, 9:05, 10:00, 10:30
SPLICE (R) 12:20, 3:05, 5:55, 8:50, 11:45
KILLERS (PG–13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:35, 8:15, 10:50
PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG–13) 11:50, 3:10, 6:05, 9:10, 12:10
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 11:25, 2:25, 5:20, 8:20
SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 10:20, 12:55, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20, 11:50
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 10:50, 5:15, 11:25
IN DIGITAL 3-D
IRON MAN 2 (PG–13) 10:05, 1:15, 4:35, 7:50, 11:00
JUST WRIGHT (PG) 2:30, 8:40

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

THE ARRIVALS (NR) 11:00 A.M.
THE DEVILLES (NR) 11:00 A.M.
THE FAUX REAL (NR)
SHORTS 4: INTIMATE RELATIONS (NR) 12:00 P.M.
GRACE, MILLY, LUCY...CHILD SOLDIERS (NR) 1:15 P.M.
MAKING THE BOYS (NR) 1:15 P.M.
THE WOMAN WITH THE 5 ELEPHANTS (NR) 1:45 P.M.
PARA FUERA (NR)
HOLYWARS (NR) 2:15 P.M.
THE VEIL (NR)
MEN WHO SWIM (NR) 3:45 P.M.
WORLD CHAMPION (NR)
FAMILIA (NR) 4:00 P.M.
CIRCO (NR) 4:30 P.M.
RESTREPO (R) 5:00 P.M.
PRAYERS FOR PEACE (NR)
ON COAL RIVER (NR) 6:15 P.M.
REGRETTERS (NR) 6:15 P.M.
I'M JUST ANNEKE (NR)
STEAM OF LIFE (NR) 6:45 P.M.
MONICA & DAVID (NR) 8:00 P.M.
GOODBYE, HOW ARE YOU? (NR) 8:15 P.M.
LIES (NR)
BARBERSHOP PUNK (NR) 8:30 P.M.
SHORTS 5: GHOSTS OF THE PAST (NR) 9:00 P.M.
THE PEOPLE VS. GEORGE LUCAS (NR) 10:00 P.M.
MARWENCOL (NR) 10:45 P.M.
THEY ARE GIANTS (NR)
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT MUSIC ANYWAY (NR) 11:15 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

JOAN RIVERS: A PIECE OF WORK (R) (12:45, 2:45, 5:05)7:15, 9:25
I AM LOVE (R) (1:05, 3:45)6:45, 9:20
SOLITARY MAN (R) (1:00, 3:00)8:15, 10:15
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (R) (5:00)
ONDINE (PG–13) (2:00, 4:30)7:10, 9:40
WINTER'S BONE (NR) (1:25, 4:00)6:30, 9:00
CYRUS (R) (1:10, 3:10, 5:15)7:30, 9:45
PLEASE GIVE (R) (12:15, 2:30, 4:45)7:00, 9:10
THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (12:30)
CITY ISLAND (PG–13) (3:15, 5:45)8:00, 10:00

AMC Loews Center Park

Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 11:10, 1:15, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10
THE KARATE KID (PG) 12:30, 3:45, 7:15, 10:20
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 **THE KARATE KID** (PG) 12:30, 3:45, 7:15, 10:20
PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG–13) 11:30, 4:40, 9:50
SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) 2:20, 7:30

AMC Loews White Flint

Kensington — www.amctheatres.com

GROWN UPS (PG–13) 9:55, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35
TOY STORY 3 (G) 9:25, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 10:25, 1:00, 3:35, 7:10, 9:45
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 10:10, 12:15, 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 9:30
THE KARATE KID (PG) 9:40, 12:45, 3:50, 6:55, 10:00

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

Largo — www.amctheatres.com

GROWN UPS (PG–13) 10:00, 11:00, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:40, 7:40, 9:45, 10:45, 12:30
TOY STORY 3 (G) 9:40, 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:15, 12:00
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, 1:00 **TOY STORY 3** (G) 9:40, 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:15, 12:00
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 10:00, 12:40
IN DIGITAL 3-D
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 11:05, 2:05, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 10:30, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:05
SPLICE (R) 10:25, 12:55
THE KARATE KID (PG) 9:30, 11:15, 12:35, 2:40, 4:00, 6:00, 7:20, 9:35, 10:35, 12:45
SHREK FOREVER AFTER 3D (PG) 9:35, 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20, 12:50
KILLERS (PG–13) 9:45, 12:10, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:50
IN DIGITAL 3-D
JUST WRIGHT (PG) 11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50, 12:20

Regal Bethesda

Bethesda — www.regmovies.com

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KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 11:20, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 11:00, 1:05, 3:10, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
THE KARATE KID (PG) 12:40, 3:45, 6:50, 10:00
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25
KILLERS (PG–13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 12:00, 3:20, 6:40, 10:00

Regal Majestic Cinema

Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

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INCEPTION (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
GROWN UPS (PG–13) 11:00, 11:40, 12:35, 1:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:00, 4:50, 5:45, 6:25, 7:45, 8:15, 8:50, 10:10, 10:45, 11:15, 12:35
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 10:35, 11:30, 12:20, 1:00, 2:05, 2:50, 3:45, 4:35, 5:20, 6:35, 7:15, 8:20, 9:30, 10:15, 10:55, 12:00, 12:45
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 10:20, 11:15, 12:50, 1:45, 3:20, 4:20, 5:50, 7:00, 8:30, 9:35, 11:10, 12:05
TOY STORY 3 (G) 10:00, 10:40, 11:45, 12:30, 1:10, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:55, 5:30, 6:10, 7:30, 8:10, 8:45, 10:05, 10:50, 11:35
THE KARATE KID (PG) 10:15, 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
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JONAH HEX (PG–13) 11:35, 1:55, 4:05, 6:20, 8:35, 10:40
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 10:10, 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55, 12:30
SPLICE (R) 12:00 P.M.
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 10:55, 1:25, 3:55, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
KILLERS (PG–13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00, 12:20
PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG–13) 10:25, 3:50, 6:40, 12:10
SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 9:40 P.M.
SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) 10:05, 12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:10
IRON MAN 2 (PG–13) 12:55, 9:20

Regal Royale Stadium

Hyattsville — www.regmovies.com

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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
INCEPTION (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
GROWN UPS (PG–13) 12:20, 12:50, 3:20, 3:50, 6:50, 7:20, 9:30, 10:00
KNIGHT AND DAY (PG–13) 12:10, 12:40, 3:10, 3:40, 7:15, 7:45, 10:05, 10:35
JONAH HEX (PG–13) 4:50, 10:30
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 12:00, 12:45, 3:00, 3:45, 6:40, 7:10, 9:20, 9:50
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:15, 4:30, 7:40, 10:20
THE A-TEAM (PG–13) 12:30, 3:55, 7:05, 10:15
THE KARATE KID (PG) 11:45, 12:15, 2:45, 3:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:40, 10:20
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 1:05, 4:20, 7:50, 10:25
KILLERS (PG–13) 12:25, 3:25, 7:25, 9:55
PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG–13) 1:20, 7:35
SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG) 1:10, 6:35
IRON MAN 2 (PG–13) 3:35, 9:25

TV weekend lookout

Best Bets

FRI 8:00

Friday Night Lights (NBC) The Lions play the worst team in the league, a game so mismatched people call it the Toilet Bowl. Tami and Julie go on a college tour in Boston. Tim helps Luke make a questionable decision.

SAT 11:00

Juston McKinney: Middle Class Hole (COM) The sardonic comic, right, holds forth in this stand-up special. Topics include the similarities between frat parties and his 2-year-old son's day-care center.

SUN 9:00

The 37th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards (CBS) Festivities at the Las Vegas Hilton, hosted by Regis Philbin, salute excellence in daytime television. Among the scheduled segments is one paying tribute to "American Bandstand" and its host, Dick Clark.

SUN 10:00

Hung (HBO) Ray's (Thomas Jane, left) new partnership gets off to a shaky start when he holds back with a client. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

CLAUDETTE BARIUS /HBO

Back To the Grind

ENTOURAGE

SUN 10:30

As HBO's "Entourage" enters its seventh season, Drama seems more desperate for a show. Any show. And Vince is sufficiently insecure about his manhood to submit to a bullying director's demand that he do his own stunts.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Awards Show

Kanye Watch

The biggest stars in entertainment unite for the BET Awards' 10th year (8 p.m., Sun., BET) in Los Angeles, hosted by Queen Latifah. Kanye West makes his first awards show appearance since that infamous incident at the MTV Video Music Awards.

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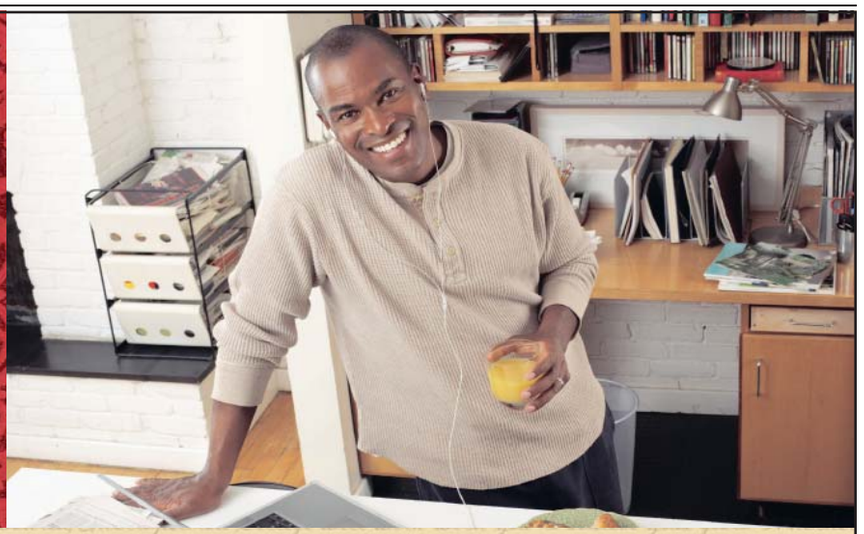

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Today's Question

DO YOU THINK PUTTING DVD RENTAL MACHINES IN METRO STOPS IS A GOOD IDEA?

VOTE AT EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM OR TEXT A FOR YES OR B FOR NO TO 98999

Yesterday's Results

DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WAR STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN IS WORKING?

"Better than none at all, but not much better. It is time to move on, bring our young people home, and tell the Afghans to start doing their own dirty work."

COMMENTER CARL

Blog Log

"I WAS JUST mugged while waiting in line for the iPhone 4. Not kidding."

— **@SAMUELAXON,** A POPULAR MASHABLE.COM BLOGGER, LOST HIS CASH (BUT NOT HIS CAMERA OR LAPTOP) IN THE QUEUE AT A CHICAGO APPLE STORE.

"When historians look back at ancient Rome, they point to the sport of watching lions eat Christians as a sure sign of that mighty culture's slide into depravity and decadence. If they tried that today, the lions would all die of HEART ATTACKS."

— **FRUVOUS.LIVEJOURNAL.COM** FEELS THAT FRIENDLY'S GRILLED CHEESE BURGERMELT — A BEEF PATTY BETWEEN TWO GRILLED-CHEESE SANDWICHES — SIGNALS THE ULTIMATE COLLAPSE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

"And this is where credibility really goes out the deep end. 'You big lummox.' What is this? A Katherine Hepburn movie?"

— **KEN_ASHFORD.TYPEPAD.COM** FINDS MUCH OF THE MASSEUSE VS. AL GORE STORY DOUBTFUL, BUT THE MASSEUSE'S CHOICE OF INSULT PUTS IT IN THE "BAD FAN FICTION" REALM.

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Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not be as efficient as usual, but by day's end you should be able to score just enough points to stay competitive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're relying a little too much on the tools provided for you by another. Try putting your instincts to work just a little more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to face a bureaucratic slowdown as a result of forces beyond your control. Patience and ingenuity pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be pulled in several directions at once as you try to satisfy the needs of several parties.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may have to make a few ingenious adjustments to your immediate environment before you can begin to make real progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A friend or loved one comes to you with a request that, at the very least, takes you by surprise. You should be able to oblige, however.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's no reason to think that this day should be dramatically different from any other this week — unless you choose to make a change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have more control over your circumstances at this time than you think — and others have less, certainly, than you fear.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may not feel up to the challenge facing you, but you must forge ahead if you expect to take advantage of your momentum.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid a stop-and-start approach to the day; you'll want to keep going, surely, and let your own energy fuel nonstop efforts at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in a good position to call the shots, though you must take great care not to rub anyone the wrong way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You mustn't act as if you know everything because, in fact, you have much to learn about something you're already doing with others.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 230

								RACK 1
E1	O1	S1	S1	N1	F4	C3		
								RACK 2
E1	I1	O1	L1	N1	T1	H4	1st Letter Double	
								RACK 3
A1	E1	I1	L1	F4	M3	C3	Triple Word Score	
								RACK 4
E1	I1	O1	O1	Y4	G2	B3		

Yesterday's Solution

B3	O1	N1	N1	E1	T1		RACK 1 =	8
F4	I1	R1	M3	E1	S1	T1	RACK 2 =	74
C3	Y4	C3	L1	I1	S1	T1	RACK 3 =	70
I1	T1	E1	M3	I1	Z10	E1	RACK 4 =	68
PAR SCORE 155-165							TOTAL	220

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

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Yesterday's Solution

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3	1	4	8	2	5	7	6	9

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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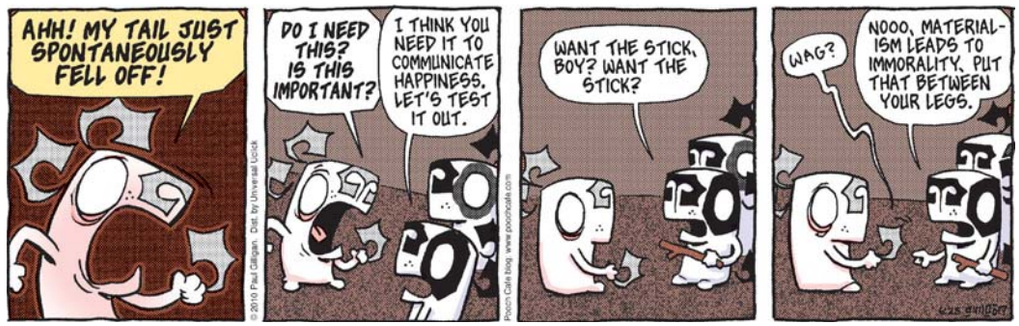

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

90 | 72

Today: Hot today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Mainly clear tonight.

93 | 75

Tomorrow: Increasing clouds tomorrow. Patchy clouds tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
99 | 78	93 | 73	88 | 70

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 5:44 a.m.
Sunset today: 8:37 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:14 p.m.
Moonset today: 4:44 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 86
Record high: 99
Normal low: 67
Record low: 46

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Crossword

FICKLE TICKLE

ACROSS

1 Wild and crazy
5 Ottoman Empire title
10 Does a hit man's job
14 Diva's performance, sometimes
15 "___ a Grecian Urn"
16 Lot measurement
17 Sole food?
20 Flowery verse
21 Deadly insect
22 Synopsis starter and ender?
23 Decline
26 Syllable sung before "la, la"
27 Bit of skin art, slangily
30 Becomes compost
32 Where Guernseys graze
34 Light at the disco
36 Ready to travel
39 Davenport dweller
40 Type of financial theory
42 North Carolina fort
44 Silver medalist's place
45 Ease up
47 Neither's companion
48 Whiffenpoof's school
52 "Bon" or "mon" follower
53 Sounds at doctors' checkups
55 Swedish rug
57 Anti-prohibition
58 Descendant of Noah's eldest
61 Rein for Rover
63 Defunct flag symbol
67 The number one guy?
68 Single-masted vessel
69 Will beneficiary
70 Frosted Flakes mascot
71 Cantankerous
72 Scores for free throws

DOWN

1 Stun gun, e.g.
2 Melodic
3 Most genteel
4 Runs off at the mouth
5 "The Conqueror Worm" poet
6 Do simple arithmetic
7 Mo. of many Virgos
8 Apparatus for lifting
9 Makes irate
10 Clumsy lummoxes
11 Capital of Sierra Leone
12 Bank add-on
13 Put one's cheeks down?
18 Caustic cleaner
19 Paddington or Grand Central
24 Group that votes alike
25 Pecking parts
28 Lawyers' gp.
29 Half a score
31 Private leader?
33 Harold of songdom
35 Boisterous
37 Major Hollywood attraction
38 Interior designer's doing
40 Amulet
41 Small craft
42 Thing with cups and hooks
43 Sleep state initials
46 What you slake
49 Become conscious
50 Nielsen or Uggams
51 Heavenly airs
54 Musty
56 "The Greatest" via self-proclamation
59 TV award
60 He lived 905 years
62 It may bounce off walls
63 It goes right over your head
64 Fuss and feathers
65 Morse code E
66 Cloak-and-dagger figure

Yesterday's Solution

K	E	E	L		S	A	R	A	H		A	C	R	E
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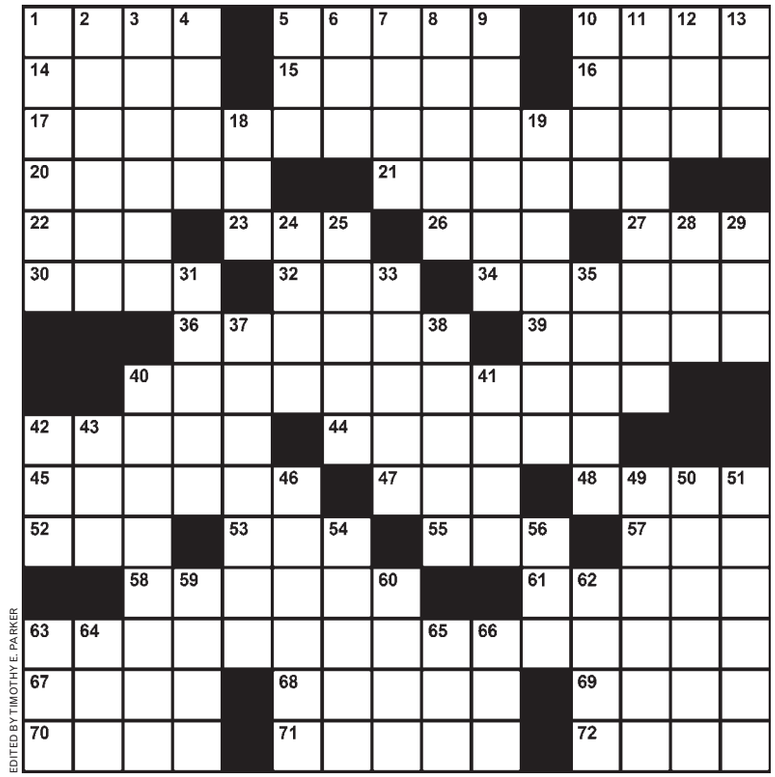

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Samurai Sudoku

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Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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Last Week's Solution

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Today in History

1906 Architect Stanford White is shot to death atop New York's Madison Square Garden, which he had designed, by millionaire Harry K. Thaw, the jealous husband of Evelyn Nesbit.

1962 The Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, rules the recitation of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools is unconstitutional.

2009 Michael Jackson, nicknamed the "King of Pop," dies in Los Angeles at age 50, and actress Farrah Fawcett dies in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 62.

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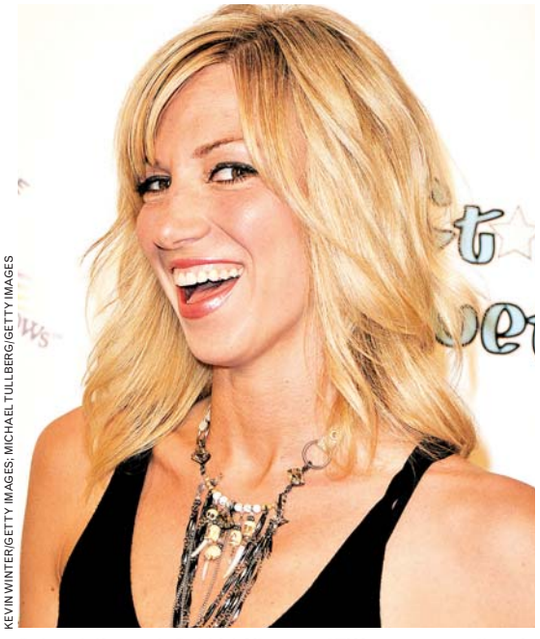
Google 'Mitochondrial Eve' to Blow Your Mind

Genealogists say Robert Pattinson is related to Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for the main character in Bram Stoker's "Dracula." Researchers at Ancestry.com discovered that Pattinson and Vlad are connected through their relationship to the British royal family. Prince William and Prince Harry are Pattinson's distant cousins; Vlad the Impaler was their distant uncle. **(AP)**

'NEWS'

'Star' 'Designs' 'Fashion' For 'Well-Known' 'Brand'

Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino will debut a clothing line next month, Usmagazine.com reported. The "Jersey Shore" star is partnering with the brand Dilligaf — which stands for Do I Look Like I Give A F*** — to create T-shirts, sweatshirts and accessories. "Mike 'The Situation' embodies our irreverent approach to life," Dilligaf president Jodi Massry told Us. **(EXPRESS)**



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Deborah (formerly Debbie) Gibson and Tiffany are actually aging pretty well. Hear that, MARIAH? We know you're listening.

STUNT CASTING

Which One Is Gatoroid?

Syfy has cast '80s pop stars Deborah Gibson and Tiffany in "Mega Python vs. Gatoroid," an original Saturday night movie. The network promises an epic battle between the two. Gibson is a fanatical animal-rights activist; Tiffany plays an overzealous park ranger. In the script, the pair brawl at a party, then take matters outside into the swamp. **(THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)**

Dirtbag Digest

He's Practically Method!

"Bachelor" Jake Pavelka's excuse for breaking up with Vienna Girardi via phone: He needed closure before he could do justice to his guest role on "Drop Dead Diva." "One of the keys to acting is you have to get out of your head," he told People.com. **(EXPRESS)**

RESPONSIBILITY

Yeah, You're Totally Ready for a Baby

A Manhattan veterinarian says Mariah Carey hasn't paid nearly $30,000 in bills for three of her dogs. Cindy Bressler, who sued Carey Wednesday, says she provided "extraordinary services" for the Jack Russell terriers but the singer paid only about $8,200 of the roughly $37,800 in charges. **(AP)**

"We didn't have my stripper pole in my house ever since I gave birth; now we're going hang it up. I feel sexy again."

— **KENDRA WILKINSON** TO PEOPLE.COM, IN YET ANOTHER OF AN INTERMINABLE SERIES OF INTERVIEWS ABOUT LOSING BABY WEIGHT.

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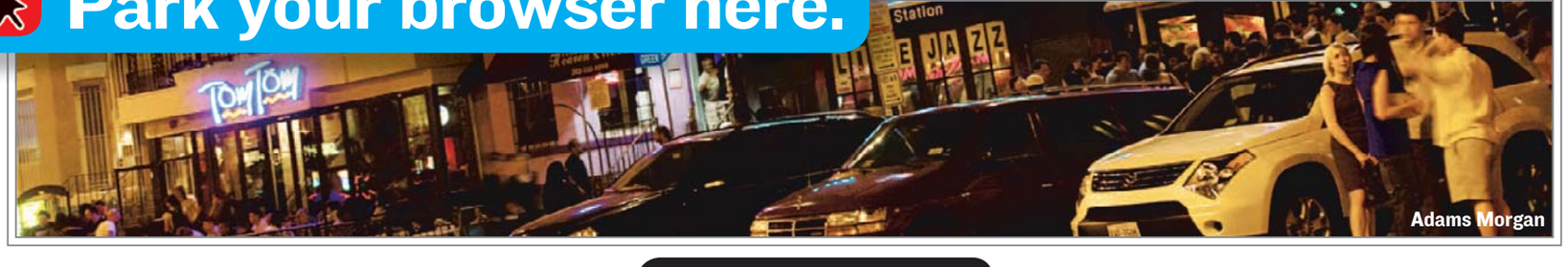

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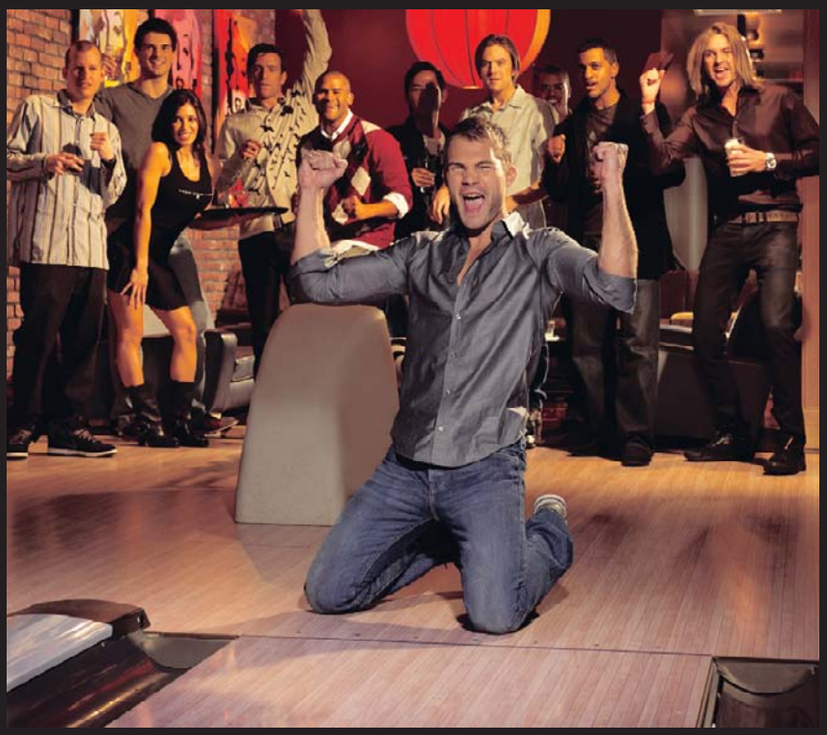

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